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THE subject of the following pages was commenced as a Postscript to a Letter to the Bishop of Durham, on the Origin, Form, and Pronunciation of the Æolic Digamma. The Postcript has been printed some years, but not published, for reasons in which the Public are not interested. A printed copy of it was given to Dr. HALES previously to the publication of his Work on Faith in the Holy Trinity; which I mention on account of a reference, which he made to it in the Second Volume, as if it had been then published. It is now distributed as presents to a few Friends, for the sake of that part of its contents (p. 61-67) which relates to the celebrated verse of St. John in his First Epistle, the authenticity of which I hope to prove on grounds of external evidence, as well as internal, by Greek authorities as well as Latin, in a Vindication of it from the objections of M. Griesbach and others.

From the singular curiosity of this ancient monument of Greek literature, it appeared desirable that fac-similes should be taken of its more remarkable manuscripts; which has been done, and will, I trust, be acceptable to the learned Reader. Of the fac-similes which are prefixed to this Tract, those which are from manuscripts in the Bodleian Library and the British Museum, were copied by the Artists who engraved them. The fac-simile of the Manuscript in the Library of Trinity College, Cambridge, was very obligingly taken for me by the Rev. JAMES HUSTLER, Fellow and Tutor of the College, who afterwards compared the lithographic engraving with the manuscript, and the plate was finished according to his corrections. The fac-similes have been all executed since the following pages were printed.

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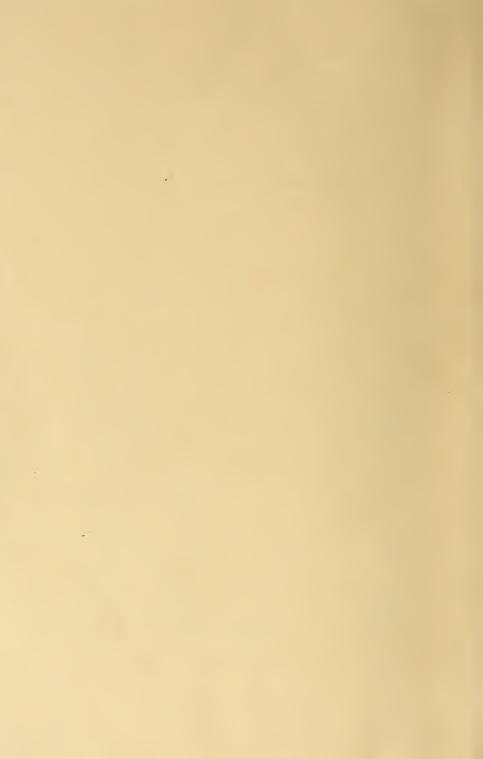
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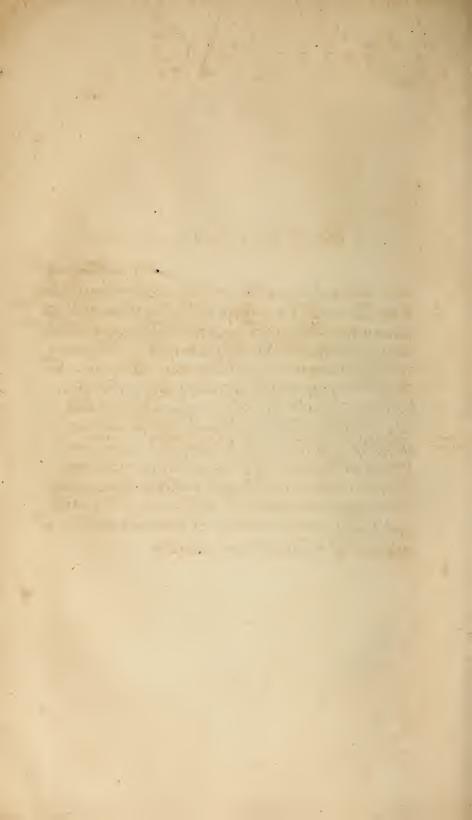
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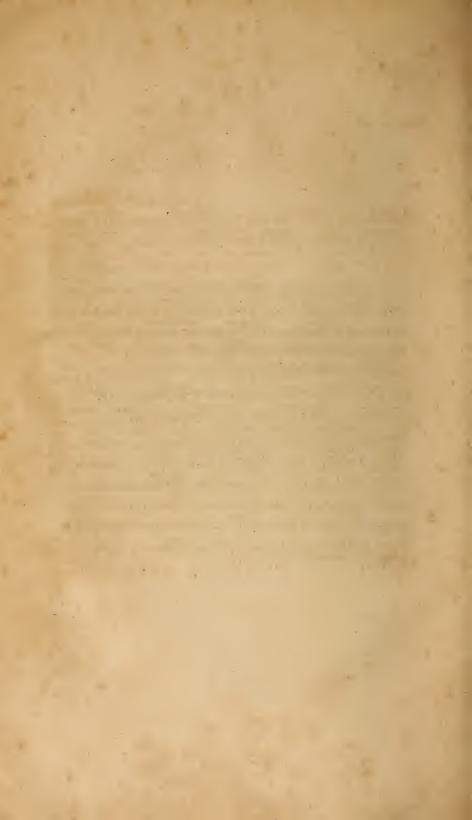
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POSTSCRIPT.

Mr. Payne Knight, in his Analytical Essay on the Greek alphabet, has called the Digamma Pelasgic, and the Capuan figure, its Pelasgic form*. But, as I observed before, this is not the kind of authority, which Dawes's argument requires. To his ancient authorities for the term Æolic, as the designation of the Digamma, some other ancient writers should be opposed, who call it the Pelasgic Digamma. If we put ancient authorities out of the question, how shall we decide between Dawes and Mr. Knight? By a perusal of the Miscellanea Critica, and the Analytical Essay. Comparisons are sometimes called invidious. But, in this case, comparison is the only criterion, which can enable us to determine, whose judgment we shall follow.

Of the Analytical Essay a large portion is employed on gratuitous generalities of derivation, which, of course, can form no part of the comparison. But the last section of the Essay is on a subject strictly philological, the right reading of the text of the Lacedæmonian Decree against Timotheus. We have there a test of the Author's accuracy and knowledge of Greek, from which the reader may easily form a comparison

^{*} Analytical Essay, p. 10, 35.

of the two authorities; and I am the more inclined to apply this test, in the hope of vindicating from the unmerited asperities of Mr. Knight's strictures, the late Bishop of St. Asaph's edition of this Decree; and, may I add? of counteracting, in some measure, that spirit of hardy and unexemplified assertion, which distinguishes the new school of criticism, and which, when applied to the language and doctrines of Scripture, as we see it applied in the writings of Socinians and Unitarians, by setting at nought all analogy and authority, is most injurious to learning and religion.

The Decree was passed, about 400 years before the Christian era, by the Spartan Senate against Timotheus for corrupting the simplicity of ancient music by introducing innovations in the structure of the Lyre, and increasing the number of its strings from seven to eleven, which, by its variety, they thought conducive to luxury and effeminacy, and injurious to public virtue. The Decree is written in the Æolic dialect of Sparta*,

^{*} Æolism pervaded almost every part of Greece, except Athens. The Spartan Dialect was a species of the Æolic. It was distinguished chiefly by the use of P for Σ at the end of words, as in Bagog, $\mu_{\text{E}}\lambda_{\text{E}}o_{\text{g}}$, $\mu_{\text{E}}\lambda_{\text{E}}o_{\text{g}}$: of B instead of the Digamma, as in Bedog, Badog, Bagelog, for idog, hidug, heldog: of Σ instead of Θ , as $\sigma_{\text{E}}o_{\text{g}}$, $\sigma_{\text{E}}o_{\text{g}}o_{\text{g}}$, which are examples also of the preceding idioms, for $\theta_{\text{E}}o_{\text{g}}o_{\text{$

and is a great literary curiosity. Boethius, better known for his work De Consolatione Philosophiæ, than for his Treatise on Music, who has preserved the Decree in the latter work, thus notices it. "Consultum de eo factum est, quod quoniam insigne est Spartiatarum linguæ S literam in R vertentium, ipsum de eo consultum eisdem verbis Græcis apposui." Casaubon calls it antiquissimum et pulcherrimum vetustatis monimentum*. Barthelemy thus describes the subject of the Decree: "Timotheus was accused of having wounded "the majesty of the ancient music, and endeavoured "to corrupt the Spartan youth by the indecency, the

Meursius has collected them together in his Miscellanea Laconica, III, 5-8. Casaubon has made a collection of such as end in P. in his Animady, ad Athen, p. 615. Of the Laconian dialect Valckenaer treats largely, and with his usual pre-eminent learning, ad Theoc. Adon. p. 271-292. This portion of Greek philology was very little explored in the seventeenth century. Meibomius (in a letter quoted by Maittaire ad Marm. Oxon. p. 653.) considers the Spartan P, as a nullity, and says, even with Boethius and this decree before him, that he never met with any authority for the idiom; (to which Maittaire opposes the authorities of Plato, Strabo, Athenæus, Hesychius, Phrynichus, Eustathius, and Phavorinus;) and accordingly proposes to erase the P at the end of the words Timo 9:00 συνισταμένος, &c. and to expunge the words of Boethius, which certify the change of S into R. A more profligate instance of that wilful depravation by which the writings of the ancients have been corrupted and mutilated, is not easily to be met with. Of the Æolic termination in P, and of the prevalence of this Spartan Æolism in the Latin language, more will be said in this Postscript.

^{*} Animadv. ad Athenæum, p. 615.

"variety, and loftiness of his performances. He was ordered to retrench four strings from his lyre, with this observation; that such an example ought for ever to put an end to novelties, which encroach on severity of manners. It deserves to be remarked, that this Decree passed about the time that the Lacedemonians gained that celebrated victory of Ægos Potamos, which rendered them masters of Athens *."

The first copy of this Decree was published, in common Greek, by Lilius Gyraldus, in his work De Poetis, in the year 1545, which was repeated and amended by Leopardus in his *Emendationes*, who at the same time inserted a very incorrect copy of the Decree, vetere Dorica, from a MS. of Petrus Nannius. The Emendationes, though written many years before, were not published till 1568. The Decree made its first appearance in the printed works of Boethius, in Glareanus's edition, in the year 1546. The last edition was in a separate form by the late learned Bishop of St. Asaph, Dr. Cleaver, in the year 1777. In the interval of these dates it was published, and more or less amended by the Basil Editor 1570, Scaliger 1600, Casaubon 1600, Salmasius 1643, Bullialdus 1644, Bishop Fell 1672, Gronovius 1699, Chishull 1728, and Maittaire 1732.

^{*} Travels of Anacharsis, vol. II. p. 98, 99. English Tr. 8vo.

^{† &}quot;In hoc Decreto emendando & illustrando certavit eruditorum hominum industria, e quibus nominare licet Lilium Gyraldum dialogo IX. de poetis; Paulum Leopardum VIII. 4. Emendat.; Josephum Scaligerum p. 285. ad Sphæram barbaricam Manilii, quem sequitur Jo. Fellus ad calcem Arati, Oxon. 1672. 8. editi. p. 66; Is. Casau-

That the reader may better judge of the state of the Oxford text, as published by the Bishop of St. Asaph, and of the correctness of Mr. Knight's strictures, I will here present him with the three copies of it, which are in Mr. Knight's Essay, from the Ed. Bas. 1570, from Gronovius, and from the last Oxford edition. To these copies I have subjoined the readings of the Oxford edition as they differ from the text of the Ed. Bas. 1570, and of Gronovius.

bonum VIII. 11. ad Athenæum; Jo. Meursium III. 5. [& II. 8.] Misc. Lacon.; Joh. Seldenum II. 10. §. 8. de Synedrio (ubi peculiari dissertatione illud SCtum exposuisse se adfirmat, quæ non vidit lucem, licet tribus verbis idem Ephororum decretum tangat notis ad Chron. Marmoreum, p. 197); Ism. Bullialdum ad Theonem Smyrnæum, p. 295, 19; Claudium Salmasium de Hellenistica, p. 82; G.I. Vossium L. IV. Inst. Orat. p. 50; A. Schottum ad Procli Chrestomathiam, & Jac. Gronovium Præf. ad tomum quintum Thesauri Antiq. Græc.; Steph. le Moyne, p. 852. ad Varia Sacra; Thom. Pinedo ad Stephan. p. 776; Edm. Chishull. p. 128. Antiq. Asiatic.; Mich. Maittaire ad Marmora Oxoniensia, p. 569. 595. 596. 654. ubi contra Marcum Meibomium probat Lacones mutasse S in P. Respicit illud decretum Dio Chrysostom. Orat. 32. p. 38. (Fabricii Biblioth. Gr. vol. II. p. 289.) vide Guil. Fornerium ad Cassiodori lib. I. epist. 45. p. 222. Heumann. etiam supra Tom. II. p. 325." (Fabricii Bibl. Gr. nov. ed. Harles. vol. III. p. 478. not.)

DECRETUM LACEDÆMONIORUM

ED. BAS. 1570.

- 1 Επει δε Τιμοθεος δ Μιλεσιος παραγιμένος εν ταν
- 2 άμετεραν πολιν, ταν παλαιαν μολπην ατιμασας, και
- 3 ταν δια παν έπτα χορδαν κιθαριζει, αποστρεφομενος
- 4 πολυφωνιαν εισαγων, λυμαινεται τας ακοας των νεων
- 5 δια τε τας πολυχορδας, και τας καινοτατας του-
- 6 των μελεος αγεννε, και ποικιλαν αντι άπλοαν, και
- 7 τεταγμεναν αμφιαϋιαν μολπην επι χρωματος συνει-
- 8 σταμεν τουτου μελεος διαστασιν. Αντι γας Εναρ-
- 9 μονιφ ποιαν αντιστρεφον αμοιβαν. Παρακλαθεις δε εν
- 10 τον αγωνα τας Ελευσινίας Δαματρος αισχος
- 11 διεφημιζετο ταν τφ μυθφ κιδνησιν. Ταν γας Σεμε-
- 12 λα δδυναν ουκ ενδεκατος νεος διδαχην εδιδαξε. Ειτα
- 13 περι τουτων τον βασιλεαν και του βητορος μεμψαται
- 14 Τιμοθεον. Επανατιθεται δε και ταν ένδεκα χορδαν
- 15 εκτανως τας περιαστας, επειλειπομένος ταν έπτα-
- 16 χορδον αστος. Το γας πολιος βαρος απτον τεταρ-
- 17 βηται ες ταν Σπαρταν επιφερείν. Τιθων μη καλων
- 18 νητων, μη ποτε ταραττηται κλεος αγορων.

Lectiones Ed. Oxon. ab Ed. Bas. 1570 variantes.

Ver. 1. επαθη. Τιμοσιος. Μιλασιος παραγινομένος.

Ver. 2. παλεαν. μωαν. ατιμαδδει.

Ver. 3. ταν έωτα. κισαριτιν. Ver. 5. κενοτατος.

Ver. 6. 7. τω μελεος. Ver. 7. απλοας. Ver. 8. τεταμενας. αμπεννυται ταν μωαν. Ver. 7. 8. συνισταμενος. ταν τω. διαιςεσιν. Ver. 9. ποιων αντιστοροφον. Παρακλαθεις. Ver. 10. απςεπη. Ver. 11. διεσκευασατο. διασκευαν. τας Σεμελας. Ver. 12. ωδινα. ένδικα τως. Ahest ειτα. Supplet Δεδοχθαι. Ver. 13. τουτοιν. τως βασιλεας. τως εφορως μεμφασθαι. Ver. 14. Τιμοσιον επαναγκασαι. Ver. 15. εκταμεν. περιτταρ ὑπολειπομενον τας έπτα. Ver. 16. όπως έκαστος. τας. όςων ευλαβηται. Ver. 17. εν. επιφεςεν τι των ηθων.

CONTRA TIMOTHEUM.

ED. OXON. 1777. LITERIS MINORIBUS.

- 1 Επειδή Τιμοσιος δ Μιλασιος παραγινομένος εν ταν
- 2 άμετεραν πολιν ταν παλεαν μωαν ατιμαδδει, και
- 3 ταν δια ταν έπτα χορδαν κισαριτιν αποστρεφομενος
- 4 πολυφωνίαν εισαγων λυμαινεται τας ακοας των νεων,
- 5 δια τε τας πολυχορδιας και τας κενοτατος τω
- 6 μελεος αγεννη και ποικιλαν αντι άπλοας και
- 7 τεταμενάς αμπεννυται ταν μωάν επι χρωμάτος συνι-
- 8 σταμένος ταν τω μελέος διαιρέσιν, αντι τας έναρ-
- 9 μονιω* ποιων αντιστροφού αμοιβαν παρακλαθείς δε
- 10 και εν τον αγωνα ταρ Ελευσινιας Δαματρος απεεωη
- 11 διεσκευασατο ταν τω μυσω διασκευαν, ταν τας Σεμε-
- 12 λας ωδινα ουκ ενδικα τως νεως εδιδαξεν. Δεδοχθαι...
- 13 πεςι τουτοιν τως βασιλεας και τως εφοςως μεμψασθαι
- 14 Τιμοσιον, επαναγκασαι δε και ταν ένδεκα χορδαν
- 15 εκταμεν τας περιττας ὑπολειπομενον τας έπτα,
- 16 όπως έκαστος το τας πολιος βαρος όρων ευλαβηται
- 17 εν ταν Σπαρταν επιφερεν τι των μη καλων ηθων,
- 18 μηποτε ταραττηται κλεος αγωνων.

Lectiones Ed. Oxon. ab ed. Gronoviana variantes.

Ver. 1. Τιμοσιος. Μιλασιος, παραγινομένος. εν. Ver. 2. παλέαν, ατιμαδδει. Ver. 3. έπτα. κισαριτιν. Ver. 4. πολυφωνιαν. των νέων. Ver. 5. κενοτατος. Ver. 7. αμπεννυται. Ver. 8. διαίζεσιν. Ver. 9. ποίων. ανπιστροφον. παρακλαθείς. Ver. 10. εν. Ver. 11. διέσκευασατο, μυσω διασκευαν. ταν τας. Ver. 12. ωδινα. ενδικα. εδιδαξεν. Δεδοχθαι. Ver. 13. μεμμασθαι. Ver. 14. Τιμοσίον επαναγκασαι. Ver. 16. δπως. Ver. 17. εν. τι. ηθων.

* The Editor has restored the masculine form instead of the feminine evaguouag, in his Addenda & Corrigenda. Compound adjectives usually retain their masculine form, though connected with feminine nouns.

DECRETUM LACEDÆMONIORUM.

ED. GRONOVII*.

1 Επειδη Τιμοθεος ὁ Μιλησιος παργιμένος ετ ταν άμετε-2 ραν πολιν ταν παλαιαν μωαν ατιμασας δη, και ταν 3 δια ταν έπζα χορδαν κιθαρίζιν αποστρεφομένος, πο-4 λυφωνον εισαγων λυμαινεται τας ακοας τως νεως, 5 διατε τας πολυχορδιας και τας καινοτατος τω μελεος 6 αγεννη και ποικιλαν αντι άπλοας και τεταμενας 7 αμφιεννυται ταν μωαν επι χρωματος, συνισταμενος 8 ταν τω μελεος διασκειαν αντι τας εναρμονιω ποτ ταν 9 αποστροφον αμοιβαν παρακληθεις δε και ετ τον 10 αγωνα τας Ελευσινίας Δαματρος απρεπη διεσπευ-11 σατο ταν τω μυθω διασκειαν, τας τας Σεμελας ω-12 δινας ουκ εν δικω τως νεως διδακκε δεδοκται Φαν 13 περι τουτων τας βασιλεας, και τως εφορος μεμψατται 14 Τιμοθεον, επαναγκαται δε και ταν ένδεκαγορδιαν 15 εκταμείν τας περίττας ύπολιπομένον τας έπτα: 16 όπες έκαστος το τας πολιος βαρος όςων ευλαβηται 17 ετ ταν Σπαρταν επιφερεν τε των μη καλων εθων, μη

18 ποτε ταραττηται κλεος αγωνων.

CONTRA TIMOTHEUM.

ED. OXON. 1777. LITERIS MAJUSCULIS.

ΕΠΕΙΔΕ ΤΙΜΟΣΙΟΡ ΗΟ ΜΙΛΑΣΙΟΡ ΠΑΡΑΓΙ-NOMENOP EN TAN HAMETEPAN HOAIN TAN ΠΑΛΕΛΝ ΜΟΑΝ ΑΤΙΜΑΔΔΕΙ ΚΑΙ ΤΑΝ ΔΙΑ ΤΑΝ ΗΕΠΤΑΧΟΡΔΑΝ ΚΙΣΑΡΙΤΙΝ ΑΠΟΣΤΡΕ-ΦΟΜΕΝΟΡ ΠΟΛΥΦΟΝΙΑΝ ΕΙΣΑΓΟΝ ΛΥΜΑΙ-NETAL TAP AKOAP TON NEON Δ IA TE TAP ΠΟΛΥΧΟΡΔΙΑΡ ΚΑΙ ΤΑΡ ΚΕΝΟΤΑΤΟΡ ΤΟ ΜΕ-ΛΕΟΡ ΑΓΈΝΝΕ ΚΑΙ ΠΟΙΚΙΛΑΝ ΑΝΤΙ ΗΑΠΛΟ-AP KAI TETAMENAP AMITENNYTAI TAN MO-ΑΝ ΕΠΙ ΧΡΟΜΑΤΟΡ ΣΥΝΙΣΤΑΜΕΝΟΡ ΤΑΝ ΤΟ ΜΕΛΕΟΡ ΔΙΑΙΡΕΣΙΝ ΑΝΤΙ ΤΑΡ ΕΝΑΡΜΟΝΙΟ ΠΟΙΟΝ ΑΝΤΙΣΤΡΟΦΟΝ ΑΜΟΙΒΑΝ, ΠΑΡΑΚΛΑ-ΘΕΙΡ ΔΕ ΚΑΙ ΕΝ ΤΟΝ ΑΓΟΝΑ ΤΑΡ ΕΛΕΥΣΙΝΙ-ΑΡ ΔΑΜΑΤΡΟΡ * ΑΠΡΕΠΕ ΔΙΕΣΚΕΥΑΣΑΤΟ ΤΑΝ ΤΟ ΜΥΣΟ ΔΙΑΣΚΕΥΑΝ ΤΑΝ ΤΑΡ ΣΕΜΕ-ΛΑΡ ΟΔΙΝΑ ΟΥΚ ΕΝΔΙΚΑ ΤΟΡ ΝΕΟΡ ΕΔΙΔΑΚ-ΣΕ ΔΕΔΟΧΘΑΙ . . ΠΕΡΙ ΤΟΥΤΟΙΝ ΤΟΡ ΒΑΣΙ-ΛΕΑΡ ΚΑΙ ΤΟΡ ΕΦΟΡΟΡ ΜΕΜΨΑΣΘΑΙ ΤΙΜΟ-ΣΙΟΝ ΕΠΑΝΑΓΚΑΣΑΙ ΔΕ ΚΑΙ ΤΑΝ ΗΕΝΔΕΚΑ ΧΟΡΔΑΝ ΕΚΤΑΜΕΝ ΤΑΡ ΠΕΡΙΤΤΑΡ ΥΠΟΛΕΙ-ΠΟΜΕΝΟΝ ΤΑΡ ΗΕΠΤΑ ΗΟΠΟΡ ΗΕΚΑΣΤΟΡ ΤΟ ΤΑΡ ΠΟΛΙΟΡ ΒΑΡΟΡ ΗΟΡΟΝ ΕΥΛΑΒΕΤΑΙ ΕΝ ΤΑΝ ΣΠΑΡΤΑΝ ΕΠΙΦΕΡΕΝ ΤΙ ΤΟΝ ΜΕ ΚΑΛΟΝ ΕΣΟΝ ΜΕΠΟΤΕ ΤΑΡΑΤΤΕΤΑΙ ΚΛΕ-OP AFONON.

^{*} This reading was undoubtedly intended by the Editor; for so it is expressed in the other copy; and in all the Oxford MSS. And so it ought to have been printed in the Analytical Essay.

EDITORIS OXONIENSIS LATINA VERSIO.

Quandoquidem Timotheus Milesius adveniens ad nostram urbem, antiquam illam musicam dedecorat, eamque septem chordarum citharizationem aversatus, dum nimiam varietatem sonorum introducit, aures juvenum corrumpit, & per multas chordas & novitatem melodiæ pro simplici & uniformi (voces) induit musica ignobili & varia, in Chromatico genere componens musicæ apparatum, & pro continuo (cantu) faciens responsionem antistrophicam, [scilicet, ut sint periodi æquales & sibi invicem respondentes]: quinetiam quum vocaretur ad Eleusiniæ Cereris ludos indecorum fabulæ apparavit apparatum, nimirum Semeles partus, ut non oportebat, juvenes docuit : Placere itaque ut Reges & Ephori ob hæc duo, [scilicet impietatem, & ob ea quæ in musica innovaverat, tum reprehendant Timotheum, tum cogant insuper undecim e chordis rescindere servantem tantum septem: ut unusquisque videns civitatis gravitatem vereatur in Spartam inferre aliquid bonis moribus non conveniens, ne forte olim turbetur decus certaminum.

In printing the preceding copies of the Decree Mr. Knight has given not a very favourable specimen of his own Editorship. He has committed two errors in printing the text of the Basil edition: διεφημιζετο for διεφημισατο, and επειλειπομενορ for επιλειπ. In the Oxford copy he has left two readings, which ought not to be there, εναβμονιας, which the Editor corrected in his Addenda & Corrigenda; and ΔΑΜΑΤΡΟΣ, which was an error of the press for ΔΑΜΑΤΡΟΡ; as is evident from the second copy, which is in the smaller letter. In Gronovius's copy he has introduced four errors of the press, which are not in the original, άμετεξαν, έπζα, δπες, τε. We will now see, if he has succeeded better in censuring the Editorship of others.

In order to pass a right judgement on the Oxford edition of this Decree, Mr. Knight should have been well acquainted with the labours of preceding Editors,

and with the new materials, which the Oxford Editor collected from MSS. for the improvement of the new edition. Of the former Editors Mr. Knight seems to have known very little. For he says, that "Gronovius first endeavoured seriously to restore the text of the Decree." How contrary this is to the fact, we know from two competent judges, Fabricius and Chishull. When Fabricius first published his Bibliotheca Græca (Hamburg. 1705.) Gronovius was the last of many Editors; yet Fabricius says, "In hoc decreto emendando & illustrando certavit eruditorum hominum industria." And who were these eruditi homines which preceded Gronovius? Scaliger, Casaubon, Salmasius, &c. Of Scaliger's edition Bishop Fell says: Verum Jos. Scaliger notis suis in Manil. ex MSS. codicibus (ut ait) priscam illi formam restituit. Scaliger however left not a little to be done by future editors. Of the several preceding editions, the text which Chishull preferred was not Gronovius's, but that of Bullialdus, of which Maittare gives the following account. "His addendus est Ismael Bullialdus in Theon. Smyrn. editione, Lutet. Paris. 1644. 4. p. 295. Bullialdus in restituendo hoc decreto scribit se usum fuisse pluribus libris MSS. Severini Boetii de Musica, quos nactus est in Bibliotheca Regia, Thuana, & Abbatiæ Sancti Germani in Pratis, sed præ cæteris libro MS. vetustissimo nitideque admodum in membrana scripto bibliothecæ Petri et Iacobi Puteanorum fratrum, ex quo libro totum fere correxit. Id observandum est Chishullianam Decreti descriptionem in omnibus fere cum Bullialdiana convenire." (Ad Marm. Oxon. p. 595. Not.)

Mr. Knight was as much mistaken in his account of the new critical materials, and in the general notice which he gives, of the Oxford Edition. " In the " year 1777 a more correct copy (of the Decree) was "published from some Manuscripts at Oxford, accom-" panied with variations found in other Manuscripts " belonging to the University; and a critical and ex-" planatory Commentary by the learned and respect-"able Prelate, who published it. This copy, with the " variations, was as follows." The copy, which follows these words of Mr. Knight, is not a copy of the Oxford edition of the Decree, but a manuscript exemplar made up of the several Oxford MSS. The more correct text of the Oxford edition is contained in the two copies, which occur at the end of the Commentary p. 42-45. and in this Postscript p. 7 and 9.

He is not less mistaken, in all the particulars, which compose the following censure. After quoting the copy of the Bishop of St. Asaph's text, which is in litteris majusculis, he says: "This only shews that the learned "Prelate did not exactly know the value of his own "publication; for most of his emendations are either "unnecessary, or tend to the same end, as those of the "old transcribers, that is, to eject every curious pro- "vincial peculiarity not readily understood, and to "fill ite place with a word from the more known dia- "lects. Like other Editors, both ancient and modern, "he found it more easy to alter than to explain." Of the strange misapplication and extreme injustice of this censure the reader may easily judge from the collation

even of the second Oxford copy (literis minoribus) with the text of ed. Bas. 1570, and of Gronovius, in the preceding pages of this Postscript, but still more from the copy in p. 9. It will be there seen that the Editor's express purpose was not to modernize the text, but to restore its archaïsms, as in the following readings:

| Bas. vel. Gronov. | Oxon. lit. min. |
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| Τιμοθεος Β. Gr. | Τιμοσιος |
| μολπην Β. | • μωαν |
| ατιμασας δη Gr. | ατιμαδδει |
| хเปิดอุเรียง Gr. | κισαριτιν |
| αμφιεννυται Gr. | αμπεννυται |
| παρακληθεις Gr. | παρακλαθεις |
| εκταμειν Gr. | εχταμεν |
| &c. | &c. |
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Bas. vel. Gron. Oxon. lit. maj. ΕΠΕΙΔΕ ETELON Gron. à B. Gr. HO άμετεραν Β. HAMETEPAN wway Gr. MOAN των νεων B. Gr. TON NEON μυθω B. Gr. ΜΥΣΟ αγεννη Gr. ACENNE απρεπη Gr. АПРЕПЕ Edwy Gr. ΕΣΟΝ &c. &c.

In this majuscular copy the Editor has archaïzed the orthography throughout, not only by following the

Spartan form of P for Σ , of Σ for Θ , $\Delta\Delta$ for $\Sigma\Delta$, &c. but by prefixing H to the aspirated vowels, and substituting E and O for η , ω , which were not generally adopted by the Greeks till after the date of this Decree. But in his revisal of the text only one word ($\varphi\alpha$ or $\varphi\alpha\nu$) has been ejected from the text, as inexplicable, and that had been already ejected by Casaubon; and not one "curious provincial peculiarity" has been exchanged for a word from a more known dialect, which had not been preferred by some preceding editor, as will be shewn below.

The ingenious Author had prepared his readers for the harshness and inaccuracy of the preceding censure, by the following petulant and groundless reproach. "We find in the Lacedemonian Decree against Ti-"motheus before mentioned ΔΙΔΑΚΚΕ for ΕΔΙ-"ΔΑΚΣΕ, to which the Oxford Editor, with presump-"tuous and inauspicious hand, has changed it."* Who would suppose, that this confident language is in direct contradiction to the fact? The Oxford Editor has not changed the text to any new reading, but has retained the original reading of Glareanus. Εδιδαξε is probably not the right reading; but it was the reading of Glareanus's Manuscript, and of his edited text, as εδιδασκε was of Casaubon's. Whether διδακκε, or διδακκη, or εδιδακκε, be the right reading, will be inquired hereafter.

I proceed now from the Authors general censure to his application of it to particular passages of the

^{*} Analytical Essay, p. 23.

Decree, the text of which, he says, has been either unnecessarily changed, in the Oxford Edition, from common terms to more ancient, or ignorantly, from ancient terms to more common, that is, from curious provincial peculiarities not easily understood to words of a more known dialect, the Editor finding it more easy to alter than explain*. And, first, as to the unnecessary changes.

P. 133. "The change of Θ to Σ is unnecessary; for "though the Lacedemonians pronounced these two " dental aspirates in the same manner, it does not ap-" pear, from any genuine monument of their writing, "that they confounded them in orthography." This idiom the Author afterwards calls "the vicious pronunciation rather than the established orthography of the Laconians ." How far these observations on this Laconian idiom are just, may be determined by its use, - by the occasions on which it was used, and the persons using it. The Lacedemonians used the Σ instead of Θ on the most solemn occasions, in their oaths and public treaties. Οι Λακεδαιμονίοι τους Διοσκουρους ομνυοντες, νη τω Σ ιω, Φασιν, αντι του, μα τους Θεους \ddagger . Maittaire quotes an example of Σιω from a Spartan league, and of \(\Sigma_i\omega_i\) from a league between two Cretan tribes. He brings also the authority of Aristotle for this idiom of the Lacedemonians in their language of admiration, saying σειος ανηρ for Θειος ανηρ. Examples of this idiom in a variety of other words may be seen in

^{*} Analytical Essay, p. 133. † Ibid. p. 136.

[‡] Gregorius de Dialectis ed. Koen. p. 137.

Maittaire, Valckenaer, and Koen *. Apollonius Dyscolus says, Οί μεν αλλοι Δωριεις τηρουσι το θ. Λακωνες δε το θεις ς μεταβαλλουσι. But Eustathius (ad Odyss. A. p. 1702.) and the MS. Etymol. quoted by Koen ascribe this idiom generally to the Dorians, as Hesychius does to the Carystians, Cretans, Eleans and Paphians, who were Dorian nations. In conformity to the prevalent use of this idiom, Salmasius corrected Timodeog and mudw, in this Decree, to Τιμοσεος and μυσω, which, with one necessary correction, were adopted in the Oxford edition. Of this idiom in a proper name the Etymol. MS. (p. 714.) has brought an example in Σισυφος for Θεοσοφος. * But our ingenious Author says, there is " no trace" of this idiom in "any written monument of the Laconians." 1 have quoted two written monuments, and the authority of Aristotle, for the idiom, in words, where a vicious pronunciation was least likely to have prevailed. But if we had merely the authority of the ancient grammarians, we could have had no more doubt of the idiom, than of the thirty dialects of the Arcadians, Alexandrians, Macedonians, Corcyræans, Corinthians, &c. & of which we have nothing but relies in single words preserved by Hesychius and others. the ancient grammarians had said as much of the Pelasgic Language, we might have had some reason for

^{*} Maittaire de Dial. p. 147. Valckenaer, Epist. ad. Rover. p. lxxiii. & ad Theoc. Adon. p. 277. sq. Koen ad Gregor. p. 137.

[†] In $\Sigma_{i\sigma\nu}\phi_{05}$ is a double Laconism, in the use of Σ for Θ and of Υ for O, as in $ovv\mu\alpha$ for $ovo\mu\alpha$.

[‡] P. 15, 16. § Maittaire de Dial. p. 267-282.

admitting a Pelasgic Dialect, and a Pelasgic Vau, if not a Pelasgic Digamma.

P. 133. "The same may be said of the change of I " for the Y in all those instances, where this last vowel " is usually employed; for Eustathius tells us, that it " was the practice of the later Doric and Æolic to put "the I for the Y: and the uniformity of it in this copy " of the Decree shews, that it was intentional." There has been no change from , to v. The v of the Oxford text is the reading of all the preceding editions. The text, which the ingenious Author here calls this copy, is not the text of any one manuscript, but is a composite text collected by the Oxford Editor from the several Oxford Manuscripts which he had collated. The argument, therefore, from its uniformity is a mere phantasy. The λιμαινεται, πολιχορδιας, and αμφιεννιται of some manuscripts, are λυμαινεται, πολυχορδιας, and αμφιεννυται in the Selden MS. and also in the Bodleian in the last instance. Neither is this composite text uniform in the use of ι for υ. For it reads (not ιπολιπομενον, but) υπολιπομενον with all the MSS. In Manuscripts which are not of great antiquity, the , and v may be easily mistaken for each other by transcribers, from similarity of form. The modern Greeks, too, gave the same sound to η , ι , and υ , a vicious pronunciation, which has been the source of many errors in MSS.

In the passage of Eustathius quoted in the Analytical Essay, there must be some error. For in the terms δυφρος, διφρος, the common form is in ι (διφρος),

the dialect in υ (δυφρος, if there ever was such a word), in which the change, as it is called, is from ι to υ , contrary to the two examples, $\mu ουσα$, $\mu οισα$, and $\tau υπτουσα$, $\tau οπτοισα$, in which the common term is in υ , and the dialect in ι , and the change therefore from υ to ι . The remark of Eustathius was probably intended to be confined to the diphthongs ου and οι. For it is well known that the modern Doric and Æolic used οι for ου, as in $\mu οισα$ for $\mu ουσα$. In the ancient Æolic, and the Latin, it was MΥΣΑ. Joannes Grammaticus, indeed, quotes $\iota ψηλου$, $\iota ψοθεν$, and $\iota περ$, as Æolic for $\iota ψηλου$, $\iota ψοθεν$, and $\iota περ$, as Æolic for $\iota ψηλου$, $\iota ψοθεν$, and $\iota περ$. But a very accurate observer of these matters says: Nobis nondum licuerat ullum hujus permutationis istarum vocalium Æolicæ exemplum observare *.

P. 134. "The inserting the common aspirate too, "and not the Digamma, is improper: for both these "letters were dropt from the alphabet nearly at the "same time, and neither of them occur [occurs] in "inscriptions of so late a date as this Decree, unless "indeed it be upon some coins of Elis, Heraclea, and "Tarentum, the age of which cannot be ascertained, "and the columns of Herodes Atticus, written in imi"tation of the ancient orthography. To these, per"haps, may be added the Heraclean tables, which have both aspirates, but the age of them is uncer"tain." Here are exceptions of the Author's own admission, quite enough to destroy his objection. Mazochi, the Editor of the Heraclean tables, had no

^{*} Fischer. Animady, ad Weller. Gramm. Vol. I. p. 102.

doubt (nullus igitur dubito) that the date of the tables was very little later than the year of Rome 430, and very little earlier than the 300th year before Christ*, which was nearly a century later than the date of the Lacedæmonian decree. The ingenious Author's chronological objection, therefore, to the insertion of the aspirate, H, and of the Digamma, in the Decree, is groundless. His objection too, that, as the Digamma was not admitted, therefore the aspirate ought not, is equally incorrect. For if the Digamma and the aspirate are inadmissible, they are so for very dissimilar reasons. Instead of the Digamma the Spartans made use of B. "What the Digamma was to other Æo-" lians," says Toup, " that B was to the Spartans ." The admissibility of H is rendered doubtful by the aversion which the Æolians generally had to aspirated sounds. They were, eminently, called ψιλωτικοι ‡. They said άμμες, ύμμες, for ήμεις, ύμεις. Whether, therefore, the aspirate H be properly prefixed, in this Laconian Decree, to the words &, auetepan, &c. may be doubted, but not for the reasons assigned by our Author.

P. 134. "It was customary to drop the aspirate "from the consonant, as has been shewn in the in"stance of the Zanclean and Theban medals; whence

^{*} Mazochii Tabulæ Heracl. p. 134.

[†] Toup. Emendationes, Vol. III. p. 474.

[‡] Αλλοί μεν Έλληνες δασυνουσι τα φωνηεντα Αιολεις δε ουδαμως. Apollonius Dysc. See this passage and various Scholia on Aristophanes and Theocritus quoted by Maittaire (De Dial. p. 203).

"I have no doubt but that MITOΣ, which occurs (in "the genitive case) for MYOOS, is the true word, and " not MYSOS, which the Editor would substitute, "though it has a different and incompatible meaning." Our Author has here involved himself in a confusion of terms, which he might have avoided if he had stated the three genitives μιτω, μυθω, μυσεος, instead of their nominatives μιτος, μυθος, μυσος, the last being the Holic nominative of μυσω for μυθω, fabulæ, and also the common nominative of mureos, sceleris. The usual reading of this passage of the Decree is μυθω, which Salmasius corrected to μυσω, according to the Spartan In one MS. it is written μιτω, which our Author prefers. But μιτω cannot be the right reading, for it is the Æolic genitive of mires, cithara fides, a meaning quite foreign to the passage, whereas μυσω has the same meaning with $\mu\nu \Im \omega$, and cannot be confounded with the genitive of muros, scelus, which is μυσεος, or, Laconice, μυσεος. Μιτω, and not μυσω, is the incompatible term. Μυσω, therefore, or μυσο, in the more ancient orthography, is undoubtedly the true reading. The error of i for v, in mirw, from which neither MSS. nor inscriptions are exempt, is the same as was before noticed.

P. 134. "The change of the T to Λ in Π OIKITAN "is right; and also that of A to the O in the last syl-"lable of KANOTATOP; but the substituting an E "for the A in the first is wrong." Here has been no change in the Oxford text from T to Λ . Π OIKIDAN is the reading of almost every edition from the Princeps

editio to Chishull. Neither has there been any change from A to E; for no edition has κανοτατοφ. But in κενοτατος there is a change peculiar to the Oxford edition. ΚΑΙνοτατορ of other editions is ΚΕνοτατορ in the Oxford text. This our Author says is wrong; but he gives no reason, why it is wrong to substitute & for α or α i. In the ancient dialects there are examples of both, as in τυπτομεθεν for τοπτομεθα, θερσος for θαρσος. E, however, is not substituted in the Oxford text for a, but for ai. In Glareanus, Scaliger, Salmasius, Chishull, it is ΚΑΙνοτατος, for which the Oxford text has KEvotatoo. And thus for as we find & in vesse, A 97, veou, &c. and in the termination of the Latin infinitives, as in esse for ELVAL. In the word EEVOS we appear to have some evidence, that zavog was anciently written xevos. For Eevos, peregrinus, novus, before the invention of the double letters, was written σχενος, as σμιφος for ξιφος. The Oxford Editor's text has also the authority of the Magdalen MS. which has κενοτατος.

P. 134. "ATIMAΣΔE seems to be the proper form, "and not ATIMAΣΔEI, the sense requiring a past "imperfect, rather than a present, and the omission "of the augment being common to Homer, Hesiod, "and Herodotus." Poets and Ionic writers are not very legitimate authorities for the language of an Æolic Senatus consultum. But leaving this to be decided by our Author, as a question of taste, we may contend, on stronger grounds, that a past imperfect tense is here wholly out of place; the offence, against which this Decree was directed, being perfect and pre-

sent at the time of the Decree. "Timotheus hus dishonoured, and does dishonour, the ancient music." This sense of the passage is determined by the accompanying present tenses, παραγινομένος, αποστρεφομένος, εισαγων, λυμαινεται, αμφιεννυται. The Doric form of ατιμαζω is ατιμασδω, the Laconian ατιμαδδω. Chishull reads ατιμασδει, Salmasius ατιμασδη. Valckenaer, in a passage to be quoted under the next remark, expresses his surprise that Salmasius should not have adopted the Laconian form in ΔΔ. In his younger days, when he wrote his Epistola ad Roverum, he read ατιμαδδε, but, in his later and more elaborate notes on Theocritus, he has preferred the present form, ατιμαδδει*.

P. 134. "ΚΙΘΑΡΙΞΙΝ, or ΚΙΘΑΡΙΚΣΙΝ, is also "more consistent with the roughness of the dialect, "than ΚΙΣΑΡΙΤΙΝ, given by the Editor, or ΚΙΤΑ-"PITIN, which one MS has, and which is less ob-"jectionable." Valckenaer thought very differently. He preferred the Laconian form in Σ to the common form in Θ, κιΣαριξιν το κιΘαριξιν. "Formæ Laco-"nicæ in αδδω & ιδδω cum essent ex Aristophane "notæ, mirum est, cur non ατιμαδδε posuerit Sal-"masius in Lacedæmoniorum Senatus consulto, qui "(de Hellen. p. 82) solus in illo restituerat ταν κισα-"ριξιν nam κιθαρισιν scripserat Leopardus, Emend. "viii. c. xiv. et Scaliger ad Manil. p. 426. κιθαριξιν Casaubon, Bullialdus, et Edm. Chishull.".*

^{*} Ad Theoc. Adoniaz. p. 276.

⁺ Epistola ad Roverum, p. lxxvii.

P. 136. "The change of ΠΑΡΑΚΛΕΘΕΙΣ to ΠΑ-" PAKAAOEIP may be right so far as substituting "the E for A; but terminating words of this class in "P is unjustified by authority, and inconsistent with "analogy, and certainly inadmissible in any dialect." The Author, if I mistake not, is neither correct in his concession, nor in his objection. Before the invention of the long vowels, α and ε were used for η , but not indiscriminately. Such words as ποιεω, καλεω, were formed thus: $\pi \circ \iota \varepsilon \omega$, $\pi \circ \iota \varepsilon \sigma \omega$, $\pi \varepsilon \pi \circ \iota \varepsilon \varkappa \alpha$, $\pi \varepsilon \pi \circ \iota \varepsilon \varkappa \alpha$, $\varepsilon \pi \circ \iota \varepsilon$ eden, π oiedeig (not e π oiaden, π oiadeig, κ dadeig, &c.), as μετακινεσαι, κινεσις, &c. of which examples may be seen in Scaliger and Salmasius, quoted by Maittaire*. I prefer, therefore, παρακλεθεις to παρακλαθεις. what must we say to the Laconian termination in P, against which, in words of this class, the Author has pronounced the most exclusive reprehension? So decided and comprehensive a sentence should not have been left to gratuitous assertion, but should have been substantiated from the express judgement of some ancient grammarian, or from the natural incompatibility of the letter with this class of words, in proof that they are excluded from the general observation of the ancients, namely, that the Æolians in general, but especially the Lacedæmonians, Eretrians, and Eleans, used the P for Σ at the end, and some of them also in the middle, of words. It is a question worth investigating, as it may serve to explain the origin of some grammatical forms in Latin as well as in Greek.

^{*} De Dialectis, p. 165.

That the class of words, to which mapandy Seig belongs, is not, generally, excluded from this idiom, is evident from this very Decree, in which we have the participles, παραγινομένος, αποστρεφομένος, τεταμένας, συνισταμένος. We have here the passive and middle species of this class, of time past and present; and Hesychius has preserved two participles of the active species; arag for aras, which he explains by nrousa* (from arw, the original of Bairw, as erw is of Venio), and αμπιττας for αμφιστας, which is rendered by παραταττομένη. We have, then, participles active, passive, and middle, of time present, past, and indefinite active, which end in P. Can there be any thing in the nature of the first aorist passive, which could unfit it for the use of this favourite letter of the Spartans? and render it, so terminated, "inadmissible in any dialect?" The remark which contains this most exclusive negative, is couched in the high language of amplification, but not, therefore, more likely to be true. It is incapable of proof. Indeed all dialects are out of the question but one, the Æolic and its several species, Laconian, Eretrian, &c.

The Latin is one of its species ; but the Latin has no acrist: our Author's negative cannot, therefore, be proved from the Latin. It will not, however, be

^{*} The termination in ae, like maxae, was applicable to both genders.

[†] The Crotoniatæ, Locrenses, Campani, Brutii, Sabini, Samnites, and Tarentini, were colonies from Lacedæmon. See Meursii Miscell. Lacon. Lib. l. c. vii. The Roman manners, and language, partook much of the Spartan character.

foreign to our purpose to trace its relation to the Æolic, in this particular idiom, by the termination of participial nouns in R. For all such nouns as factor, domitor, captor, pastor, &c. I conceive to have been participial forms of the past time, and candor, ardor, dolor, &c. of the present. The passive participles factus, domitus, &c. were anciently written factos, domitos, and, Æolice, factor, domitor. Though these are now called passive forms, they had anciently an active as well as passive signification, as many have at present, such as πεποιημαι, δεδωρημαι, &c. There is a large list of verbal nouns which are obviously passive participial forms, such as flexus, nexus, sumptus, morsus, &c.* Even the simplest of our apprehensions were thus denominated: auditus, visus, tactus, odoratus, gustus, and that which comprehends them all, sensus, from which we have auditor, visor, with the Æolic R, and so from spectatus, or spectatos, spectator.

By the same analogy the Greek verbal nouns π_{01} - $\eta\tau\eta_{5}$, appearing, eurether, reinther, reinther, &c. are derived from passive forms in their active signification, and are sometimes terminated in Σ , sometimes in \mathbf{P} , and sometimes in both, as $\mu\alpha\chi\eta\tau\eta_{5}$ and $\mu\alpha\chi\varepsilon\tau\alpha_{6}$.

^{*} Sapientia, prudentia, constantia, consequentia, &c. are also participial forms. By a remarkable deflection from their original form, they became singular feminine nouns from neuter participles plural; and with some reason, wisdom, prudence, constancy, not consisting of single actions, or qualities, but of results and habits accumulated and confirmed by experience.

As agents and actions derived their signification from the past time, so qualities and permanent properties were denominated from the present; as candor, ardor, dolor, nitor, &c. By the same analogy, from aw, avw, clamo, came the Laconian αβως clamor; as ύδως aqua, does from ύω, υδω, from whence also sudor. — But, to return to the Lacedæmonian Decree, and to Mr. Knight's remarks. We proceed now from his charge of unnecessary alterations from common terms to more ancient, to that of changes ignorantly made from ancient terms to more common. That the Editor, whose express purpose it was to restore the archaïsms of his text, should nevertheless have " ejected every curious provincial particularity, not easily understood," or that his emendations should have had such a tendency, is incredible. But we will see, how Mr. Knight has verified his assertion.

P. 134. "Διαιρεσιν for ΔΙΑΣΚΕΙΝ or ΔΙΑΣΚΕΙΑΝ, is too violent an alteration." Neither διασκειν nor διασκειν is the reading of any edition of the Decree. Διαιζεσιν should rather be compared with διαστασιν, which is the reading of the *princeps editio*, and of Casaubon. Leopardus and Salmasius read διεσιν, Scaliger δυσκλειαν.

P.135. "ΠΟΙΤΑΝ the Editor has changed to ΠΟΙΟΝ, " or ποιων." Ποιταν is not the reading of any edition; and of but one MS. Of course here has been no change from ποιταν, but from ποιαν, the reading of the princeps editio, into ποιων and ποιον. Ποιων is also the reading of Scaliger, Casaubon, and Chishull.

P. 135. "I prefer the reading of the Manuscripts, "ΠΟΙΤΑΝ, considered, as the accusative feminine of "the participle aorist, contracted, after the Doric man"ner, from ποιησασαν, to ποισαν, and by a change of Σ
"to T, ποιταν." Ποιταν, which the author calls a Doric contraction for ποιησασαν, is, I believe, without analogy or example. The third plural of aorist verbs is sometimes contracted from—ασαν to αν, but never, I think, the singular feminine of the aorist participle.

P. 135. " Διδακκε in the MSS. is right, as before " observed. The Editor's alteration to εδιδαξε being the " same as a change of Θηκε, or δωκε, in Homer and "Hesiod would be to EOHK Σ E or E Δ QK Σ E." Διδακκε may be the Manuscript orthography for διδακκη, (as αγεννε, and απρεπε in the same MSS. is for αγεννη and απρεπη,) which is an Æolic form of διδακκει: or it may be a corruption of εδιδακκε, which I am more inclined to think. Διδαμμη, however, is the reading of Salmasius, and is quoted by Maittaire as an example of Æolism for διδασμει. There are traces of διδαμμη in Glareanus's $\Delta I \Delta A X H \nu$. That the Oxford Editor did not alter διδακκε to εδιδαξε, but retained εδιδαξε from Glareanus, has been before noticed. If we could suppose didanne to be the unaugmented form, Homer and Hesiod would not be proper authorities for such a form in a prose Senatus Consultum. Besides, a change from διδακκε to εδιδαξε, from one legitimate form to another, would have been not at all similar to changing θηκε and εδωκε to εθηκσε and εδωκσε, which are

merely imaginary forms adopted by Lennep* to account for the anomalous agrists εθημα and εδωμα.

P. 135. "The syllable ΦA or ΦAN, which the Edi-" tor rejects as useless and inexplicable, relates either " to the Senate, who enacted, or to the Senator, who "moved the Decree." But as the Author does not explain to which it relates, nor how it grammatically relates to either, it must be considered, in its present state, as unexplained and inexplicable. It is not in the text of the princeps editio; nor in the edition of Casaubon. The Oxford Editor is therefore not without authority for the omission. Some word of connection or inference, seems to be wanting. Scaliger has supplied (from MSS. as it seems) par. Other MSS. have $\phi \alpha$ or $\phi \alpha \varrho$. Chishull has (perhaps from conjecture) $\pi \alpha$, which he translates utique. The text of the princeps editio shews the kind of word, which is wanted. Instead of διδακκη. Δεδοχθαι περι τουτων-Glareanus has there given, -διδαχην εδιδαξε. ΕΙΤΑ περι τουτων κ. τ. λ. Ειτα is a term of inference i like our and your. As EITA appears in no other MS. but Glareanus's, it was probably a gloss of the term obliterated, which I am inclined to think was γων, afterwards corrupted into pav. Amongst the Doric words used by Herodotus, Maittaire mentions we and your for our and your. With this reading the passage will stand thus: Δεδοχθαι γων περι τουτων.

^{*} Lennep. de Analog. p. 73. ed. Scheid.

[†] Devarius de Particulis, p. 132. ed. Lips. 1793.

P. 135. " Μεμψασθαι and επαναγκασαι given by the " Editor are likewise wrong, the forms μεμψατται and " επανακαται in the MSS. being more consistent with "the dialect, which transformed the \(\Sigma\) into T, as well " as dropt the consonant." Μεμψασθαι is the reading given by Scaliger, Casaubon, Salmasius, and Chishull; and αναγκασαι or επαναγκασαι, or επανανκαξαι, by the same learned men. Our ingenious author says that " the dialect transformed the \(\Sigma\) into T." It did, but not indiscriminately, nor on all occasions. The very terms before us are generally examples of a different idiom. In the futures and aorists of verbs and participles the Æolic changed \(\Sigma\) into \(\Sigma\), and therefore in such words as επαναγκασαι they said επαναγκαξαι, or επανανκαξαι, as Chishull reads it. Our author will, I believe, find it difficult to produce a single adequate authority in support of μεμψατται or επανακαται. In Valckenaer's Epist. ad Roverum, p. 65, are several instances of verbs in ao aa, and uniting both forms in Ξ and ΣΘ, as δικαξασθαι, οπωριξασθαι, κοιταξασθαι, ποθαρμοξασθαι.

P. 135, 136. "Though the word EΠΑΝΑΚΑΤΑΙ "does not occur elsewhere, in the same form, we have "other words of the same extraction and signification, "as ακος, care, and ανακως, carefully; which, as Eusta-"thius observes, are from the same root as αναξ and "ανασσω, words which do not imply, in Homer, "the office and power of a king, in the present sense, but merely a curator, or superintendant." This remark is quite in unison with the spirit of that un-

kingly period, at the commencement of which it was published. In the year 1791 the King of France was become the prisoner of his people; and in the following year Royalty was abolished by the National Convention. It may be always useful to keep in mind the false assumptions on which revolutionary principles rested. We are here told, that in Homer avak does not imply the office and power of a King in the present sense, but merely a curator or superintendant. No proof is brought from Homer; but an appeal is made to Eustathius; and, as in these cases frequently happens, the words quoted are in contradiction to the author's assertion. Eustathius says, Αναπτας εκαλουν τους βασιλεας οί παλαιοι δια το ανακως, ηγουν επιμελως, εχειν των ΥΠΟΤΕΤΑΓΜΕΝΩΝ, The ancients called kings avantes, on account of the care, which they had of their subjects. The term ὑποτεταγμενοι is necessary to the meaning of avantes, and implies not merely subjection in one party, but dominion in the other. Avak in Homer never means less than dominus. lemachus says to Antinous, αναξ εσομαι ήμετεροιο οικοιο, I will be the sovereign of my house, or family. (Odyss. a. 397.) In this sense αναπτες and δμωες, domini and servi, are opposed to each other. (Odyss. e. 320.) Family dominion implied all the authority belonging to a King, as the sole Governor, or Monarch, of his people, not as a mere curator or superintendant, in subordination to some Head. In this sovereign sense the term was applied to the Gods. In the Odyssey (π . 387.) the kingdom of Ithaca is called Telemachuş's by inheritance, $\pi\alpha\tau\rho\omega$ ia. But nothing can mark more strongly Homer's anti-democratic principles, than his language in the second book of the Iliad, in which he describes the office and authority of kings, as derived from Jupiter, and their power, as hereditary; and condemns the government of the many.

Ουκ αγαθον πολυκοιρανιη: είς κοιρανος εστω, Είς βασιλευς, φ΄ εδωκε Κρονου παις αγκυλομητεω Σκηπτρον τ' ηδε θεμιστας, ίνα σφισιν εμβασιλευη*

Θυμος δε μεγας εστι διοτρεφεων βασιληων Tιμη δ' εκ Δ ιος εστι, φιλει δε έ μητιετα Zευς. \uparrow

The following passage shews not only the hereditary descent of Agamemnon's power, but his sovereign authority over Argos, and the adjacent islands.

Εστη, σκηπτρον εχων' το μεν 'Ηφαιστος καμε τευχων' Ήφαιστος μεν δωκε Διϊ Κρονιωνι ανακτι'
Αυτας αρα Ζευς δωκε διακτορώ Αργειφοντη' Έρμειας δε αναξ δωκεν Πελοπι πληξιππώ' Αυταρ ὁ αυτε Πελοψ δωκ' Ατρεϊ, ποιμενι λαων' Ατρευς δε θυησκων ελιπε πολυαρνι Θυεστη' Αυτας ὁ αυτε Θυεστ' Αγαμεμνονι λειπε φορηναι, Πολλησι νησοισι και Αργεϊ παντι ανασσειν. §

^{*} Iliad. B. v. 204. † Ibid. v. 196.

[‡] Those interesting Islands, which are now under the protection of Great Britain.

[§] Iliad. B. v. 100.

Plutarch therefore, or whoever was the Author of the treatise περι της Όμηρου ποιησεως, might well say of Homer, την μεν βασιλειαν δι' όλης της ποιησεως ονομαζων και εγκωμιαζων. His descriptions and epithets of Kings, his διοτρεφεων βασιληων, and θειων βασιληων, give an impression of the kingly office and power not inferior to their modern character, and very different from our Author's mere curators and superintendants.

Ava ξ therefore I conceive to be not from ava and allow, nor from avaxws exerv, nor even from avw exerv $\tau \alpha \xi \nu$, but from avw, sursum eo, ascendo, and to be the same with avas, qui sursum ivit, evectus est, as opri ξ is the same with opris, $\varkappa \lambda \alpha \xi$ with $\varkappa \lambda \alpha s$, $\lambda \iota \vartheta \alpha s$ with $\lambda \iota \vartheta \alpha s$, $\delta \iota \iota \alpha s$ with $\delta \iota \iota \alpha s$, $\delta \iota \iota \alpha s$ with $\delta \iota \iota \alpha s$, $\delta \iota \iota \alpha s$ with $\delta \iota \iota \alpha s$. Hesychius has preserved the Laconian form of avas in avas, from ava in its uncompounded sense of $\eta \varkappa \omega$. From avas comes the feminine ava $\sigma \alpha$, ava $\sigma \sigma \alpha$.

P. 136. "Nετον in the Manuscripts is only wrong "in the first letter, which should be a B, Βετον, or (as "in the Etymologicum magnum) Βεττον, the regular "Laconian form of Fεθον." Βεττον has no relation whatever to Fεθον. The former is the neuter nominative for Βεστον,* Vestis; the latter, the genitive for ηθων, morum, the Laconian form of which is Βεσων, or Βεσον, B being their substitute for the Digamma.

P. 136. " Ecov, substituted by the Editor, is taken "from a note to Hesychius, who gives Becov, as Laco-

^{*} Βεστον, το ίματιον. Etymol. Mag.

" nian for $\epsilon\theta \circ g$, and $\Pi\alpha\sigma\circ v$ for $\pi\alpha\vartheta\circ g$." Before could "not be Laconian for $\epsilon\vartheta\circ g$, nor $\pi\alpha\sigma\circ v$ for $\pi\alpha\vartheta\circ g$, because, though they used Σ for N, they never reversed this idiom. Before and $\pi\alpha\sigma\circ v$ were corruptions of $\beta\epsilon\sigma\circ g$ and $\pi\alpha\sigma\circ g$. And so they are corrected by Valckenaer ad Theoc. Adoniaz. p. 282. In this Decree, for $\mu\eta$ $\kappa\alpha\lambda\omega v$ $\epsilon\vartheta\omega v$ we should read $\mu\eta$ $\kappa\alpha\lambda\omega v$ $\beta\epsilon\sigma\omega v$.

P. 136. Note. "I have before observed the double "power of this word, similar to that of habit in our "own language." The significations of εθος and εσθης, or εσθος, and of their Laconian forms βεσος and βεστον, βεττον, never reciprocate. Εθος never signifies vestis, nor εσθης consuetudo, mos. The Latin Habitus, as well as the English, derives its ambiguous meaning from a very different class of associations, like its relative έξις in Greek.

P. 136. "Ταραρεται in the manuscript is right, and not ταραττεται, given by the Editor." TAPAT-TETAI (or ταραττηται litteris minoribus,) is given not by the Oxford Editor alone, but by Glareanus, in the princeps editio, by Scaliger, Casaubon, and Gronovius.

P. 136. "It (ταραρεται) being the Laconian form "of the second Aorist subjunctive middle, and not "the present of the subjunctive passive. In common "Greek it would be ταρασηται, or ταρατηται, from "ταρασσω or ταραττω." In what new system of Palæography, or thesaurus of "unlicensed Greek," the Author found ταρασηται to be the 2d. aorist of ταρασσω, I cannot conjecture. Whether the characteristic of

the present be in $\Sigma\Sigma$ or TT, the second agrist does not vary with such difference, but has in either case Γ for its characteristic, and not Σ or T. $T\alpha\rho\alpha\gamma\eta\tau\alpha\iota$, therefore, is its legitimate form, in common Greek, and not $\tau\alpha\rho\alpha\sigma\eta\tau\alpha\iota$ or $\tau\alpha\rho\alpha\tau\eta\tau\alpha\iota$. Much less could $\tau\alpha\rho\alpha\rho\epsilon\tau\alpha\iota$ be the 2d. agrist of $\tau\alpha\rho\alpha\sigma\omega$.* But Mr. Knight says, that $\tau\alpha\rho\alpha\rho\epsilon\tau\alpha\iota$ is "the Laconian form of "the second Agrist," that is, the Laconian form of a word which is not Greek ($\tau\alpha\rho\alpha\sigma\eta\tau\alpha\iota$), or of a word which is Greek ($\tau\alpha\rho\alpha\eta\eta\tau\alpha\iota$), but which will not admit the Laconism in the beginning, the middle, or the end of it.

I have now examined both of our Author's charges of unnecessary and ignorant alteration, and find the former very ill supported, and the latter wholly unverified. Where then should fall the imputation, which he brought against the Oxford Editor, of ignorance and presumption?

The reader, who has followed me thus far in the examination of that portion of the ANALYTICAL ESSAY, which contains the Author's remarks on the Oxford edition of the *Decretum Lacedæmoniorum contra Timotheum*, if he has also read the MISCELLANEA CRITICA of Dawes, will, I think, be of opinion, that a comparison of the former with the lat-

^{*} Instead of ταςαττηται Salmasius reads τας αςετας, virtutis, of which an account will be given in the following pages.

ter, can detract nothing from the critical authority of Dawes, nor give any weight to arbitrary innovations on the established language of antiquity. I conclude therefore, as before, that the Æolic Digamma ought not to be called Pelasgic, because it was never so called by the Ancients,—because a generic term cannot be applied to a particular dialect: because its ancient name was Vau, and not Digamma;—and because the term, Digamma, was not in the primitive Greek alphabet, but is, comparatively, a modern term.

Mr. Knight justly observes, that the Lacedæmonian Decree is "a very important monument of antiquity,"* though he seems to have very incorrectly studied its idioms, and character, and, of course, very imperfectly appreciated its value. It is important from its connection not only with the ancient language of Sparta, but with her music and manners and religious institutions. As the ingenious Author was desirous of "enlivening the dryness of grammatical disquisition," he might have done so from the connection, which this Decree has with many interesting subjects, much more acceptably to his Christian readers, than by the levity and profaneness of his caricature of the great Patriarch of the Deluge.

Mr. Knight confined his view to the grammatical character of the Decree, yet the consideration of the Spartan Music, in its national character, and the history of the printed text of the Decree from the end of

^{*} Analytical Essay, p. 15. Note.

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the fifteenth century to the latter half of the eighteenth, are necessary for determining the right reading and meaning of the Decree, and for estimating the merits of the Oxford Edition. His imperfect knowledge of the preceding editions of the Decree, and even of that which he undertook to censure, I have already noticed. It is also fully exemplified in the following short passage. Of the Lacedæmonian use of P for S " we have a curious example in the Decree against Ti-" motheus, the Milesian Musician, preserved by Boe-"thius, in his treatise on Music, and more correctly " republished from a Manuscript at Oxford, in the " year 1777." * In this most extraordinary literary notice of the Decree,—from Boethius to the Bishop of St. Asaph,—there are not less than twelve centuries sunk. It was preserved in the sixth century, and republished in the eighteenth! Whether it was ever published since the origin of printing, before the Oxford republication, we are not here informed. This however is a mere omission. But when we are told, it was " republished from a Manuscript," the information is very erroneous. The Oxford Editor collated not less than five Manuscripts, the Bodleian, and the Selden, the Magdalen, Corpus, and Balliol MSS. Again we are told, that it was more correctly republished from a manuscript at Oxford. What Mr. Knight calls a manuscript, was a composite exemplar taken from the five MSS. The Editor expressly says, that there was

not one of the Oxford MSS. which was not equally corrupt with the printed copies; "Nec profecto affirmare "ausim ullum quidem e Codicibus Oxoniensibus ex-"tare, qui non æque corruptus sit, ac ii, quos antehac "excudi curaverunt viri literati."

Of the Oxford Editor Mr. Knight says, "Like "other Editors, both ancient and modern, he found it "more easy to alter than explain." That it is often more easy to alter than explain, (though it must be admitted,) our author has not proved from the Oxford Edition. But I will here exemplify it from his own Essay,* by his alteration of a passage of Homer, where Antinous says to the other suitors of Penelope, in reply to their objection to his proposal of putting Telemachus to death:

Ει δ' ύμιν όγε μυθος αφανδανει, ΑΛΛΑ βουλεσθε Αυτον τε ζωειν, και εχειν πατςωϊα παντα $\dot{\uparrow}$.

On this passage Mr. Knight observes, "though the "elision of Υ removes the metrical difficulty, the greater "difficulty still remains; for the word $\alpha\lambda\lambda\alpha$, as Clarke "has observed, is totally incompatible with the sense, "which requires a conjunctive instead of a disjunctive." I would therefore read,

Ει δ' ύμιν όγε μυθος αφανδανει, Η Δ Ε ΚΑΙ αυτον Βουλεσθε ζωειν."

In the common reading of this passage, and its manuscript variation, there is more than enough to deter

^{*} Analytical Essay, p. 41.

from so violent an alteration. In the first place we have manuscript authority for reading BOAESOE instead of Bouler De, by which we not only restore the metre, but recover, if not "a curious provincial peculiarity," at least a curious archaism. In the next place the apparent difficulty of the term $A\Lambda\Lambda\Lambda$ gives it an advantage over the correction nos was. For if nos was had been the original reading, no probable reason could be given, why it should have been changed to αλλα. But if αλλα was the original, the same difficulty which offends Mr. Knight, would have induced a glossator to substitute ηδε και. It is a difficulty that requires explanation rather than alteration. We are told indeed on the authority of Dr. Clarke, that αλλα is totally incompatible with the sense. Dr. Clarke is not quite so positive. He says " αλλα hoc in loco non recte se habere." But the sense, it is said, requires a conjunctive instead of a disjunctive. Let us examine the passage. Here are evidently two contrary propositions, one to kill Telemachus, the other to save his life. And contrary propositions certainly admit a disjunctive particle. If it were written όμιν όγε μυθος ουκ ανδανει, αλλα βολεσθε, there could be no difficulty in the term αλλα. And as αφανδανει involves ουκ in its negative α, and therefore has the same meaning as ουκ avoaves, the difficulty is not in the sense, but in the construction. And as all MSS. concur in the reading of αλλα, the right conclusion seems to be, that the involved negative may have, at least in the language of poetry, the same construction, as the expressed. If αλλα βολεσθε αυτον τε ζωειν were in one MS. and ηδε και αυτον βουλεσθε ζωειν in another, the former, by a common canon of criticism, would be the preferable reading, on account of its apparent difficulty and its archaism.

A want of explanation has, in another passage of the Analytical Essay *, led Mr. Knight into a correction of a different kind. Of the word owo, in Herodotus in he says "Valckenaer would make σωσι an abbreviation of " σηθουσι, but improperly; for it is the regular Ionic " contraction of \(\Sigma OFOY\SI \) and \(\Sigma OFON\SI \)." charge Valckenaer with a grammatical error is an hazardous experiment, and, at all times, likely to recoil on the animadverter. His words are: "Huc respiciens Etymologus, p. 710. 41. 'Ηροδοτος, inquit, του σω το τριτου των πληθυντικων Σωσιν, αντι του σηθουσιν. Reperiuntur et νωσιν αυτι του νηθουσιν, & alia hujus generis apud Atticos plurima." Here is not a word said of abbreviation. The Etymologist by αντι του σηθουσιν does not mean that σωσιν is an abbreviation of σηθουσιν, but merely that it is used instead of the common term σηθουσιν. As he says elsewhere, εισθα αντι του ήξεις: not that εισθα was an abbreviation of ήξεις, but that the former was an ancient or poetical form, used by Homer, instead of the latter, the common term. The Etymologist indeed expressly says, that \(\Sigma \sigma \) is (not an abbreviation of on Dovow, but) the third plural of Σ_{ω} . When we meet with such misconstructions and

incorrectness, in an Analytical Essay on the Greek Alphabet, how can the Author evade his own censure of Fourmont: "Nothing exposes ignorance so effectually, as an unsuccessful attempt at scientific acturacy*."

When he says, that the Oxford Editor found it more " easy to alter than explain," he forgets that he himself has explained nothing in the Decree; and that the Oxford Editor has the merit of having solved a difficulty in a very important word, evappovios, which, from its apparent inconsistency with the context, and with the express purpose of the Decree, Dr. Burney says, some translators had omitted . Timotheus was censured and punished for corrupting the simplicity of the ancient music, and for substituting the chromatic melody instead of the enharmonic. But in the usual technical sense of the word, the chromatic was more ancient and more simple than the enharmonic, which was the last in the historical order of the three musical species, Diatonic, Chromatic, Enharmonic, and was considered as the highest stage of musical refinement. Where, then, was the offence in substituting what was, comparatively, simple instead of that which was highly complex and artificial? Dr. Burney, who saw the difficulty, in great measure removed it, by suggesting, that there must have been two species of enharmonic, ancient and modern; and that the enharmonic, for which Timotheus substituted the chromatic, was the

^{*} P. 118. † Burney's Hist. of Music, Vol. I. p. 45. and 411.

ancient species. To support this suggestion, nothing was wanting but the aid of grammatical explication. The Oxford Editor has applied this remedy; and has shewn, that, in its primary meaning, evapuovios is equivalent to continuus, and is therefore opposed to what is discontinuum, and fractum, which was the character of the dithyrambic poetry, to which the later music owed its origin. Plutarch calls the new music κατεαγυια, and Quintilian, modis fracta. The Editor has also illustrated the meaning of evaquovios by its opposite, εξαρμονίος. In the sense of continuus, εναρμονίος is the same as διατονος, the term by which the simplest of the three species was denominated. In the Decree τεταμένος (which the Editor has explained by ηπλωμενος from Hesychius) is the term which corresponds with syaphovios, and, in its origin, is the relative of διατονος. But though εναρμονίος in this sense was applied to the ancient music, and opposed to the varied, multiplied, and antistrophic character of the new, yet it became afterwards the appropriate term of the latter music, not by any contradiction in the term, but by the force of one of its most general significations. 'Αρμονία, a derivative of άρμοζω, or αρω, apto, has its meaning from aptitude and consonance. Evapuovios therefore was applied to both species, as expressive of musical harmony, but ceased to designate the old music, when it became eminently appropriated to the new, and was replaced by another term, διατονος, more specially significant of its regularity and simplicity.

Διδακκε, διδακκη, διδασκει, εδιδαξε, and εδιδασκε are various readings of that passage of the Decree, which contains the second charge against Timotheus. The choice of the reading depends on the meaning which we attach to the passage, whether it is to be understood in a moral or dramatic sense. Διδασκείν means both moral instruction, and dramatic representation. Of the former meaning no example can be necessary. Of the latter a few will be sufficient. Αριων διθυραμβον πρωτος ανθρωπων ΕΔΙΔΑΞΕΝ. Dion. Chrysost. p. 455. from Herodotus, who describes the invention of Arion more fully: διθυραμβον, πρωτον ανθρωπων των ήμεις ιδμεν, ποιησαντα τε και ονομασαντα και $\Delta I \Delta A$ -ZANTA εν Κορινθω. L. I. §. 23. " the first who composed, and named, and publicly recited, the dithyrambic poem." Τουτον τον χορον ενικων μεν Λακεδαιμονιοι, ΕΔΙΔΑΣΚΕ δε Λεωνιδας, (that is, Leonidas was the χορηγος,) by a metaphor taken from the stage *. (Maximus Tyrius Dissert. 37. §. 6.) Το σατυρικον δραματιον ΕΔΙΔΑΞΕ. (Athenæus Deipnos.) ΔΙΔΑΞΑΣ τον Πυτινην, και νικησας. Lucian. Vol. III. p. 227. The expression is followed by the Latin writers. Vel qui prætextas, vel qui docuere togatas. (Horat. Art. Poet.) Cum Orestem fabulam doceret Euripides. (Cicero Tusc. L. iv.) Docere Orestem, docere Pytinen, docere Semeles partus, are all of the same import, and mean edere, exhibere, or scribere fabulam. If διδασκειν were

^{*} So Euripides in his Phænissæ: Ω πολυμοχ ϑ ος Αρης—χωμον αναυλοτατον πεοχοςευεις.

used here in the sense of moral instruction, it might be in the present tense. For though the action was past, the consequences were present: "he describes to youth the religion of their country, not as he ought to do;"* by his improper descriptions he caricatures, and vilifies, and degrades it. In this sense the reading should be didanner or didanny. But if it refer only to the past recital, as the context appears to require, then either Glareanus's εδιδαξε, or Casaubon's εδιδασκε, or rather its Laconian form, εδιδακκε ψ, would be the preferable reading. Being invited to the musical contests at the festival of Eleusinian Ceres, he composed a poem unsuited to the occasion; for he represented to our youth the pains of Semele, at the birth of Bacchus, very unbecomingly, τας γας τας Σεμελας ωδινας ουκ ενδικα τως νεως εδιδακκε.

The conclusion of the Decree contains a declaration of the purpose which the Spartan Senate had in view in the censure of Timotheus, ending with these words, μηποτε ΤΑΡΑΤΤΗΤΑΙ κλεος ΑΓΩΝΩΝ, as it is commonly read. But the purpose of the Senate appears, from the readings of some MSS. to have been much more important than is expressed by this common reading of the Decree.

The last words of the *princeps editio* Bas. 1546. are μηποτε ταραττηται κλεος αγορων. This is also the

^{*} The expression has a strong intensive meaning, like the language of Scripture: "which thing ought not to be done."

[†] The imperfect form εδιδασκε is the usual language of agonistic inscriptions, as εποιει is in works of art.

reading of Bas. 1570. Instead of αγορων, Scaliger, Casaubon, Gronovius, Bishop Fell, and Bishop Cleaver, have αγωνων. But Salmasius reads, with a most important difference of meaning, μη ποττας αρετας αλεος αγοντων, non ad virtutis gloriam conducentium. Chishull also reads τας αρετας, but instead of αγοντων has ατιμων. According to the commonly received reading, the final purpose of the Decree was, that the glory of the games might not be disturbed; according to Salmasius's, it was to prevent the introduction of any thing into Sparta, not conducive to the honour of virtue, and the reading of Salmasius has the authority of Manuscripts.

The commonly received text corresponds very ill with the general tenor of the Decree, which represents the offence of Timotheus to consist in corrupting the Spartan youth by violating the simplicity of the ancient music, and by unbecoming representations of the public religion. The end to be answered by the censure of such offences must have been something consonant with the great object of their national music. The glory of the public games was certainly not that object, but the moral instruction of youth, and the honour of religion, or, in other words, the glory of public virtue. They annexed no other value to their public games, than as they were subservient to virtue. Xenophon, in his treatise on the Lacedæmonian Polity (ch. x.), speaking of the pains which Lycurgus took to promote the exercise of virtue even to extreme old age, says, Καλως δε μοι δοκει ό Λυκουργος νομοθετησαι

και ή μεχρι γηρως ασκοιτ' αν ΛΡΕΤΗ.— δσω ουν κρειττον ψυχη σωματος, τοσουτω και ΟΙ ΑΓΩΝΕΣ ΤΩΝ . ΨΥΧΩΝ η οί των ΣΩΜΑΤΩΝ αξιοσπουδαιοτεροι. Virtue moral, political, or military, was the end of all their institutions; and moral virtue, eminently, of that festival which is mentioned in the Decree.

Τας ΑΡΕΤΑΡ κλεος was, therefore, much more consistent with the views of the Spartan senate than κλεος ΑΓΩΝΩΝ. If the latter had been the original reading, we should probably have had a word of much greater force than ταραττηται, such as ατιμασθηται, or the like, that is, not "lest the glory of the games should be disturbed," but dishonoured, degraded, vilified. Ταρ αρεταρ, the reading of Salmasius's text, is also the reading of the Cambridge MS. and of an Oxford MS. quoted in p. 36 of the Oxford edition, and ταραρεται of another. Αγοντων οr αγοντον is also the reading of several MSS.

From this reading, then, (μη ποττας αρετας κλεος αγοντων, non ad virtutis gloriam conducentium) we obtain a meaning most consonant with the character of the Spartan music (as a part of moral education, and a means of excitement to virtue), and with the religious solemnities of the Eleusinian festival. For the sake of such a reading it will be worth while to bring under our view a few of the many passages of the ancients which shew that they made music a part of moral education, and held it to be, in its grave and simple melodies, conducive to virtue; that the Spartans, especially, forbad all changes in their music as

dangerous to public morals, and punished those who made innovations in it; and that their national institutions were valued only so far as they were conducive to virtue.

Music was originally appropriated to religious worship, and to the instruction of youth; two important objects, corresponding with the two charges, in the Decree against Timotheus, for corrupting the ears of youth by his light and varied melodies, and for misrepresenting the public religion. Επι μεντοι των ετι αρχαιοτερων ουδε ειδεναι Φασι τους Έλληνας την θεατρικην μουσαν. Όλην δε αυτης την επιστημην προς τε ΘΕ-ΩΝ ΤΙΜΗΝ, και ΤΗΝ ΤΩΝ ΝΕΩΝ ΠΑΙΔΕΥΣΙΝ παραλαμβανεσθαι. Plutarch de Musica*. Again, in the same treatise, he says of its religious office and moral influence, τω γαρ οντι το πρωτον αυτης και καλλιστον εργον ή ΕΙΣ ΤΟΥΣ ΘΕΟΥΣ ευχαριστος εστιν αμοιβη, έπομενον τουτω και δευτερον το της ΨΥΧΗΣ ΚΑ-ΘΑΡΣΙΟΝ και εμμελες και εναρμονιον συστημα ...

Such objects sufficiently account for that gravity and simplicity in the more ancient music, of which the Lacedæmonians were so tenacious, and which it was the purpose of this Decree to vindicate and perpetuate. Ένα γαρ τινα τροπον, η παντελως ολιγους (Λανεδαιμονιοι) εκλεξαμενοι, ούς φοντο προς την των ΗΘΩΝ ΕΠΑΝΟΡΘΩΣΙΝ άρμοττειν. Its simple and austere features are strongly marked and contrasted by Athenæus. Λακεδαιμονιοι δε μαλιστα των αλλων Δωριεων

^{*} Op. Moral. p. 1140. ed. Xyl. † Ibid. p. 1146.

[‡] Ibid. p. 1142.

τα πατρια διαφυλαττουσι.— ή μεν γαρ Δωριος άρμονια το ΑΝΔΡΩΔΕΣ αμφαινει και το ΜΕΓΑΛΟΠΡΕΠΕΣ, και ου διακεχυμενον ουδ' ίλαρον, αλλα ΣΚΥΘΡΩΠΟΝ και ΣΦΟΔΡΟΝ, ουτε δε ποικιλον ουδε πολυτροπον*.

This contrast is concisely expressed in the Decree: ΑΓΕΝΝΗ και ΠΟΙΚΙΛΑΝ αυτι ΑΠΛΟΑΡ και ΤΕ-TAMENAP . On which words the following passage of Plutarch may serve as a comment. Σεμνη ουν κατα παντα ή μουσικη, θεων εύρημα ουσα. Εχρησαντο δ' αυτη οί παλαιοι κατα την αξιαν, ώσπερ και τοις επιτηδευμασι πασιν. Οί δε νυν τα σεμνα αυτης παραιτησαμενοι αντι της ΑΝΔΡΩΔΟΥΣ και θεσπεσιας και θεοις Φιλης, ΚΑΤΕΑΓΥΙΑΝ και ΚΩΤΙΛΗΝ εις τα θεατρα εισαγουσι . Quintilian, who was contemporary with Plutarch, has expressed, in very similar terms, the difference between the ancient music and the modern of his own time. Apertius tamen profitendum puto, non hanc a me præcipi, quæ nunc in scenis effeminata, et impudicis modis fracta, sed qua laudes fortium canebantur §: such as Plutarch describes it in his επιτηδευματα Λακωνικα, speaking of the Spartan music, ουδεν δ' έτερον ειχεν η επαινους των γενικώς ζησαντών--επαγγελια τε και μεγαλαυχια προς ΑΡΕΤΗΝ πρεπουσα ταις אואומוק .

^{*} Athenæus Deipnos. L. XIV. p. 624.

[†] Τεταμενας continuæ, uniformis.

[‡] Plutarch. ibid. p. 1136.

[§] Instit. Orat. L. I. 10. 31. ed. Gesner.

^{||} Sect. xiv. ed. Wyttenbach.

The ancient Greeks, especially the Spartans, were studious of every thing that had influence in the formation of character and moral sentiment*, and therefore preferred that kind of music which appeared to them most susceptible of such effects. "Ατε ουν ΗΘΩΝ μαλιστα Φροντιδα πεποιημένοι οἱ παλαιοι το ΣΕΜΝΟΝ και απεριέργον της μουσικης αρχαιας προετιμων . Many testimonies, says Plutarch, might be brought to shew that the best-regulated states made the cultivation of such music a national concern. Οτι δε και ταις ευνομοταταις των πολέων επιμέλες γεγενηται Φροντιδα ποιεισθαι της ΓΕΝΝΑΙΑΣ μουσικης, πολλα μεν και αλλα μαρτυρια παραθέσθαι εστι‡.

The moral influence of music rendered it, even in the opinion of Aristotle, a rational part of education. Εκ μεν ουν τουτων Φανερον, ότι δυναται ποίον τι το της ψυχης ΗΘΟΣ μουσικη παρασκευαζειν. Ει δε τουτο δυναται ποιειν, δηλον ότι προσακτεον και παιδευτεον εν αυτη τους νεους §. That music was an ordinary part of Greek education we learn from Aristotle and Xeno-

^{*} A large portion of the best days of our youth is consumed in learning languages. The ancient Greeks had only their own language to learn. With very little expence of time in such initiatory elements, the whole care of their education was directed to the cultivation of moral principles and science. Languages must be learnt, as the auxiliar means of knowledge; but Christian history, faith, and morals, should be the chief materials of a Christian education, without neglecting the aids of logic, and mathematics, and the arts of composition and elocution.

[§] Aristot. Polit. L. viii. c. 5. ed. Sylb.

phon. The former says, εστι δε τετταρα σχεδον ά παιδευειν ειωθασι, γραμματα, και γυμναστικήν, και ΜΟΥ-ΣΙΚΗΝ· και τεταρτον ενιοι γραφικην*: the latter, ευθως δε πεμπουσιν εις διδασκαλων, μαθησομενους και γραμματα, και ΜΟΥΣΙΚΗΝ, και τα εν παλαιστρα... universal was this custom, that inability to play on the lyre was held to be a proof of want of education. But it made a part of education, not as an elegant accomplishment, but for its moral consequences, which Plutarch has ascribed to music in terms as decided, and almost as extravagant, as our great dramatic poet has characterized the immoral effects of an insensibility to music. Ειτ' ουν τις τον παιδευτικον της μουσικης τροπον εκπονησας τυχοι επιμελειας της προσηκουσης εν τη του παιδος ήλικια, το μεν ΚΑΛΟΝ επαινεσει τε και αποδεξεται, ψεξει δε το εναντιον εν τε τοις αλλοις και εν τοις κατα μουσικήν, και εσται δ τοιουτος καθαρος πασης ΑΓΕΝΝΟΥΣ πραξεως *.

If the ancient Greeks were persuaded that the moral effects of music were such as they described them to be, and if music bore so fundamental a part in the education of youth, it is no wonder that the Spartans, especially, were averse to all innovations in their music, from an apprehension that such innovations could not take place without a change in the national manners. So Plato thought, qui musicorum cantibus ait mutatis mutari civitatum status. Cicero, who quotes

^{*} Aristot. Polit. L. viii. c. 3.

[†] Λακεδαιμον. Πολιτ. ch. 2.

[‡] Op. Moral. p. 1146.

[§] Cicero de Legg. III. 15.

his authority, relates also the transaction which is the subject of the Spartan Decree against Timotheus, and the care which the Senate took to prevent any ill consequences from it. Civitatum hoc multarum in Græcia interfuit, antiquum vocum conservare modum: quarum mores lapsi ad mollitiem, pariter sunt immutati cum cantibus. — Quamobrem ille quidem sapientissimus Græciæ vir, longeque doctissimus, valde hanc labem veretur: negat enim mutari posse musicas leges sine immutatione legum publicarum. — Graviter olim ista vindicabat vetus illa Græcia, longe providens, quam sensim pernicies, inlapsa civium animos, malis studiis malisque doctrinis repente totas civitates everteret: siquidem illa severa Lacedæmon nervos jussit, quot* plures quam septem haberet, Timothei fidibus demi. †.

The consequences which the Spartan Senate wished to prevent in their own country, Maximus Tyrius informs us did take place in Sicily: δτι Δωριεις την πατριον εκεινην και ορεον μουσικην καταλιποντες, — ΕΝΟ-ΘΕΥΣΑΝ δμου τη μουσικη ΤΗΝ ΑΡΕΤΗΝ\$. The Greeks, who employed their grave and simple melodies in the education of youth for their good effects, were equally persuaded of the immoral effects of corrupt music. Μουσικη Φαυλη και ασματα πονηρα και λογοι μοχθηρας ύποθεσεις λαμβανοντες ακολαστα ποιουσιν ΗΘΗ §. I have already quoted the authority of Aris-

^{*} i.e. quot haberet plures, quam septem. Vulgo quod — in Timothei f. d. † Cicero de Legg. II. 16.

[‡] Diss. xx. § S.

[§] Plutarch. de Aud. Poet.

totle in proof of the moral influence of music. I shall here add a few more passages from him on account of their connection with the last words of the Decree. In the eighth book of his Politics he discusses the question whether music is conducive to virtue, or not, and decides in the affirmative. To his proposal ointeou ΠΡΟΣ ΑΡΕΤΗΝ τι TEINEIN την μουσικην*, and afterwards, δει δραν, ει πη και ΠΡΟΣ ΤΟ ΗΘΟΣ ΣΥΝ-TEINEI και προς ΨΥΧΗΝ, he answers, Τουτο δαν ειη δηλον, ει ποιοι τινές τα ΗΘΗ γιγνομέθα δί' αυτης. Αλλα μην ότι γιγνομεθα ποιοι τινες, δηλον δια πολλων μεν και αλλων, ουχ ήκιστα και δια των Ολυμπου μελων ... He says that the Athenians having introduced a certain species of music into the studies of their youth, afterwards rejected it, when experience had enabled them to distinguish what music was conducive to virtue, and what was not. Υστερον δ' απεδοκιμασθη δια της πειρας αυτης, βελτιον δυναμενων κοινειν το ΠΡΟΣ ΑΡΕΤΗΝ, και το ΜΗ ΠΡΟΣ ΑΡΕΤΗΝ, ΣΥΝ-TEINON .

The Lacedemonians were of all people the most likely to attend to such consequences: for Xenophon says that Lycurgus made his countrymen habituate themselves to the exercise of every kind of virtue; and that the Spartans alone made virtue the discipline of the state. Τοδε γε μην του Λυκουργου πως ου μεγαλως αξιον αγασθηναι; δς επειδη κατεμαθεν, ότι οἱ μη βουλο-

^{*} Aristot. Polit. L. viii. c. 8. p. 222. ed. Sylb.

[†] Ibid. p. 224. ‡ Ibid. p. 227.

μενοι επιμελεισθαι της αρετης, ουα ίκανοι εισι τας πατριδας αυξειν, εκεινος εν τη Σπαρτη ηναγκασε ΔΗΜΟΣΙΑι παντας ΠΑΣΑΣ ασκειν ΤΑΣ ΑΡΕΤΑΣ. 'Ωσπες ουν ιδιωται των ιδιωτων διαφερουσιν αρετη, οί ασκουντες των αμελουντων, ούτω και ή Σπαρτη εικοτως πασων των πολεων διαφερει, μονη ΔΗΜΟΣΙΑι επιτηδευουσα την ΚΑΛΟΚΑιΓΑΘΙΑΝ*. It was hence that in Sparta EY-ΚΛΕΙΑ μαλιστα έπεται τη ΑΡΕΤΗι ή, the ΑΡΕΤΑΡ ΚΛΕΟΡ, according to the proposed reading of the last words of the Decree.

If, then, KAΛA HΘH and APETH were the immediate objects and the ultimate end of the Spartan institutions, especially of their music, it is clear that they must have been also of a Decree, the purpose of which was to censure and punish Timotheus for corrupting their music, and for an offence against religion; and, therefore, that the concluding words of the Decree should be read, as they are written in some MSS. TAP APETAP *λεος ΑΓΟΝΤΩΝ, morum non honestorum, non ad virtutis gloriam conducentium, that is, in the language of Aristotle before quoted, MH ΠΡΟΣ APETHN ΣΥΝΤΕΙΝΟΝΤΩΝ.

To these considerations on the ancient Greek music, and its influence on national manners, we may add the moral character of the festival, at which the conduct of Timotheus incurred the censure of the Spartan Senate. The Eleusinian mysteries were esteemed by the ancients, as the most important of their religious solemnities. A higher character cannot be given of

^{*} Λακεδαιμ. πολιτ. С. Χ.

them than in the words of Cicero, who was initiated in them at Eleusis. Nam mihi cum multa eximia divinaque videntur Athenæ tuæ peperisse, atque in vitam adtulisse, tum nihil melius illis mysteriis, quibus ex agresti immanique vita exculti ad humanitatem et mitigati sumus; initiaque ut appellantur, ita revera principia vitæ cognovimus; neque solum cum lætitia vivendi rationem accepimus, sed etiam spe meliore moriendi*.

The subject, which Timotheus adopted, seems to have been as ill chosen, as it was unbecomingly described. The Son of Semele was not the Bacchus, to whom the Eleusinian mysteries were consecrated. The God of wine, and the patron of drunkenness, was quite out of place at those augusta mysteria, as they are called by Cicero, who thus distinguishes the Son of Semele from the Eleusinian Bacchus: Hunc dico Liberum Semele natum: non eum quem nostri majores auguste sancteque Liberum cum Cerere & Libera consecraverunt .

How reprehensible the Spartan Senate must have thought the conduct of Timotheus, we may judge from the general persuasion respecting the Eleusinian mysteries. Horum sacrorum eam vim esse vulgo putabant, ut qui eis essent initiati, majorem cognitionem Deorum, acriusque virtutis studium accepissent, unde ea sacra $\tau \in \lambda \eta$, Latinis initia, dicuntur, quia initium vitæ melioris et virtutis esse credebantur."

^{*} De Legg. II. 14. † De Natura Deor. II. 24.

[‡] Krebsius ad Plutarch. de Aud. Poet. cap. 4.

Candidates for initiation at these festivals were exhorted to the love of truth and purity, and to the practice of every virtuous habit. And at a certain period of the ceremonies all persons, not initiated, were forbidden to remain in the assembly on pain of death. Lycurgus was not less anxious to secure Sparta from the contamination of foreign manners. With this view he restrained the Spartans from travelling into foreign countries, lest they should learn their "foreign manners and irregular lives," ίνα μη των ξενικών ΗΘΩΝ και ΒΙΩΝ απαιδευτων μετασχωσι*. He was equally careful to exclude foreigners from Sparta, "that they might not teach the citizens any bad' principles or customs: όπως οἱ παρεισφείοντες μη διδασκαλοι ΚΑΚΟΥ ΤΙΝΟΣ τοις πολιταις ύπαρχωσι. Timotheus, as a foreigner, would have been excluded from the Spartan festival; but was invited (παρακληθεις) probably, on account of his celebrity in music. He therefore became obnoxious to the Senate not only as an innovator in music, and a misrepresenter of their religion, but as a foreigner, who had made an ill use of their hospitality. He was accordingly censured and punished, that others might be deterred from introducing into Sparta any thing immoral, or not conducive to the honour of virtue.

I will now subjoin a copy of the Decree, as I think it ought to be read, together with an English translation, and an extract from Boethius by way of introduction to it, which may be of some use in ascertaining the right reading of the conclusion.

^{*} Plutarch. Επιτηδ. Λακών. § 19, 20. ed. Wyttenb.

EXCERPTUM EX BOETHII LIBRO DE MUSICA.*

Unde fit, ut cum sint quatuor matheseos disciplinæ, cæteræ quidem ad investigationem veritatis laborent, Musica vero non modo speculationi, verum etiam moralitati conjuncta sit.—Unde Plato etiam maxime cavendum existimat, ne de bene morata musica aliquid permutetur. Negat enim esse ullam tantam morum in republica labem, quam paulatim de pudenti ac modesta musica invertere. Statim enim idem quoque audientium animos pati, paulatimque discedere, nullumque honesti ac recti retinere vestigium, si vel per lasciviores modos inverecudum aliquid, vel per asperiores ferox atque immane mentibus illabatur.-Fuit vero pudens ac modesta musica, dum simplicioribus organis ageretur. Ubi vero varie permixteque tractata est, amisit gravitatis atque virtutis modum, et pene in turpitudinem prolapsa, minimum antiquam speciem servat. Unde Plato præcipit, minime oportere pueros ad omnes modos erudiri, sed potius ad valentes ac simplices. Atque hic maxime illud est retinendum, quod si quoquo modo per parvissimas mutationes hinc aliquid permutaretur, recens quidem minime sentiri, post vero magnam facere differentiam, & per aures ad animum usque delabi. Idcirco magnam esse custodiam reipublicæ Plato arbitratur, musicam optime moratam, prudenterque conjunctam, ita ut sit modesta ac simplex & mascula, nec effeminata, nec fera nec varia. Quod Lacedæmonii maxima ope servavere, dum apud eos Taletas, Crestensis Gortinus magno pretio accitus pueros disciplina musicæ artis imbueret. Fuit enim id antiquis in morem, diuque permansit. Quoniam vero eis Timotheus Milesius super eas, quas ante repererat, unum addidit nervum, ac multipliciorem Musicam fecit, exegere de Laconia, Consultumque de eo factum est. Quod quoniam insigne est Spartiatarum linguæ S literam in R vertentium, ipsum de eo consultum eisdem verbis Græcis apposui.

Quod consultum id scilicet continet: Idcirco Timotheo Milesio Spartiatas succensuisse, quod multiplicem Musicam reddens, puerorum animis, quos acceperat erudiendos, officeret, et a virtutis modestia præpediret, & quod harmoniam, quam modestam susceperat, in genus chromaticum, quod est mollius, invertisset.

^{*} Ed. Bas. 1570. p.-1371.

GREEK TEXT.

- ι Επειδη Τιμοσιος δ ΜΙΛΗΣΙΟΡ ΠΑΡΓΙΝΟΜΕΝΟΡ 2 εν ταν άμετεραν πολιν ταν ΠΑΛΑΑΝ * μωαν ατι-3 μαδδει, και ταν δια ταν έπτα χορδαν ΚΙΣΑΡΙΞΙΝ 4 αποστρεφομένος πολυφωνιαν εισαγών λυμαινεται τας 5 ακοας των νεων, δια τε τας πολυχορδιας και τας 6 ΚΑΙΝΟΤΑΤΟΡ τω μελεος αγεννη και ποικιλαν αντι 7 άπλοας και τεταμενας αμπεννυται ταν μωαν, επι 8 χρωματος συνισταμένος ταν τω μέλεος ΔΙΑΣΚΕΥ-9 ΑΝ αυτι τας εναρμονίω, ποιων αντιστροφού αμοίβαν. 10 ΠΑΡΑΚΛΗΘΕΙΣ δε εν τον αγωνα τας Ελευσινίας 11 Δαματρος απρεπη διεσκευασατο ταν τω μυσω δια-12 σκευαν ΤΑΡ ΓΑΡ τας Σεμελας $\Omega\Delta INAP$ ουκ ενδικα 13 τως νεως ΕΔΙΔΑΚΚΕ. Δεδοχθαι ΓΩΝ περί ΤΟΥ-14 ΤΩΝ τως βασιλεάς και τως εφορώς μεμψάσθαι Τι-15 μοσιου, ΕΠΑΝΑΝΚΑΞΑΙ δε και ταν ένδεκα χορδαν 16 εκταμέν τας περιττας ύπολειπομένον τας έπτα, όπως 17 έκαστος το τας πολιος βαρος ΟΠΤΑΝ ευλαβηται εν 18 ταν Σπαρταν επιφερεν τι των μη καλων ${\rm BE}\Sigma\Omega{\rm N},$
- * Line 2. παλααν is here written instead of παλαιαν οτ παλειαν on the authority of Etymol. Mag. and Eustathius quoted by Maittaire p. 154. Line 12. ΓΑΡ is from the text of Glareanus. Line 13. ΕΔΙΔΑΣΚΕ (of which εδιδακε is the Laconian form) is the reading of Casaubon. Line 15. ΕΠΑΝΑΝΚΑΞΑΙ is from Chishull. Line 17. Οπτον is the reading of Bas. 1546. απτον of Bas. 1570. οπτων of Casaubon. ΟΠΤΑΝ is the Duric of οπτων. Bas. 1570. is οπταν transposed. Line 18, 19. Η ΤΩΝ ΠΟΤΤΟ are from Mr. Porson. The other readings which differ from the Oxford text, have either been already mentioned, or will speak for themselves.

19 Η ΤΩΝ μη ΠΟΤΤΟ ΤΑΡ ΑΡΕΤΑΡ κλεορ

20 ΑΓΟΝΤΩΝ.

ENGLISH TRANSLATION *.

WHEREAS Timotheus, the Milesian, coming to our city, dishonours the ancient music, and, rejecting the melody of the seven-stringed lyre, corrupts the ears of our youth by introducing a variety of tones; and by the multiplicity of the strings, and the novelty of the melody, renders the music effeminate and complex instead of simple and uniform; composing his melody in the chromatic instead of the enharmonic, using the antistrophic change: AND WHEREAS being invited to the musical contests at the festival of Eleusinian Ceres, he composed a poem unbecoming the occasion; for he described to our youth the pains of Semele at the birth of Bacchus not with due reverence and decorum: BE IT THEREFORE resolved, that the Kings and Ephori shall censure Timotheus for these things, and moreover shall oblige him to retrench the superfluous number of his eleven strings, leaving seven, that all men, seeing the grave severity of our city, may be deterred from introducing into Sparta any thing immoral it, or not conducive to the honour of virtue *.

- * A translation of the greater part of this Decree, was given in Stillingfleet's *Principles and Power of Harmony* (1771) and in Burney's *History of Music*, Vol. I. p. 407. (1776.) but not an entire version in either.
- † $H \vartheta \omega \nu$, or $\iota \vartheta \omega \nu$, Laconice $\beta \iota \sigma \omega \nu$, is a more comprehensive term than customs or manners; and $\kappa \alpha \lambda \omega \nu$, than good. $K \alpha \lambda \omega \nu$ has here the same relation to virtue, as it has in $\kappa \alpha \lambda \alpha \kappa \alpha \gamma \alpha \vartheta \iota \alpha$.
- ‡ Τι των μη καλων βεσων, η των μη ποττο τας αςετας κλεος αγοντων, aliquid morum non honestorum, aut non ad virtutis gloriam conducentium.

In line 14. instead of τως εφορως the princeps editio has των ρητορων, Ed. Bas. 1570. του ρητορος, MS. Seld. and Cantab. τορετερος, Scaliger ρητορως, Casaubon εφορως. The Ephori are the magistrates, who according to Plutarch* punished both Terpander and Timotheus.

Line 15, 16. Instead of των ένδεκα χορδαν εκταμέν τας περιττας ὑπολειπομενον τας έπτα, Leopard and Casaubon have εκταμοντας τας, Salmasius, Bullialdus, and Porson, εκταμοντα τας, Scaliger εκταμειν τας, Ed. princeps εκτανων τας, Ed. 1570. εκτανως τας, Dio Chrysost. εκτεμειν τας, all the MSS. have εκταμον distinct from τας, and only τας the article of περιττας.

Salmasius and Porson, instead of ὑπολειπομενον read ὑπολιπην μονον. The MSS. and the first Editors have the participle. If εκταμειν be right before, the participle is necessary here.

Line 18, 19. Instead of τι μη καλων ηθων, μηποτε ταραττηται, Salmasius reads τι ηθων μη ποττας αρετας, Porson τι μη καλων, η των μη ποττο τας αρετας. But both καλων and ηθων, or its Laconian form, appear indispensable to the passage. The concluding words of the Decree, which recite the end proposed by the Senate in the punishment of Timotheus, appear to relate, as might be expected, to the two charges alleged against him in the Decree, τα μη καλα ηθη having reference to his music, and τα μη προς αρετην αγοντα,

^{*} Епітпб. Ланши. § 17.

[†] It should be επταμείν, in the same tense as αφελεσθαι, which precedes it.

both to his music and his poem. Cicero seems to have referred to the same two-fold view of the Senate, in the passage before quoted: Graviter olim ista vindicabat vetus illa Græcia, longe providens, quam sensim pernicies inlapsa civium animos, malis studiis malisque doctrinis repente totas civitates everteret: siquidem illa severa Lacedæmon jussit, quot plures quam septem haberet, Timothei fidibus demi. Jussit can mean nothing less, than the Decree of the Spartan Senate; nor longe providens, than the object they had in view, which was to prevent the ill consequences of the mala studia, and malæ doctrinæ, which they had witnessed in Timotheus's music, and in his poem, studia referring to the music, and doctrinæ to the poem, in which τως νεως ουκ ενδικα εδιδακκε.

Instead of ηθων, or εθων, I have preferred βεσων, because we know, that the Lacedemonians used βεσος

for εθος, and therefore βεσων for εθων, or Fεθων, with the Digamma, for which the Spartan dialect used B. Βεσων indeed is not the reading of any MSS. extant: but "in matters of dialect, as Mr. Porson justly ob- "serves, the MSS. of Boethius ought to be discarded "as incompetent witnesses *."

That ηθων, or εθων, or its Laconian form, as well as αρετας, were originally in the text of the Decree seems probable also from the language of Boethius in the Procemium to his treatise on music, in which he has introduced the Decree. He says, "that music is moralitati conjuncta;" that by innovations in "bene morata musica" the minds of those who are accustomed to them, lose all sense "honesti rectique;" that artificial varieties in music destroy "gravitatis et virtutis modum;" and that Timotheus, by the variety which he introduced into music, injured the minds of youth "et a virtutis modestia præpediret." In Cicero, Dio Chrysostom, Plutarch, Athenæus, and Boethius, we find no authority for the glory of the games, nor for Mr. Knight's Laconian aorist, ταραρεται.

ΠΟΤΤΟ is Mr. Porson's reading. Salmasius's ΠΟΤ-ΤΑΡ αρετας κλεος may, perhaps, be defended by the examples, which sometimes occur, both of κλεος without an article, even in a definite sense, and of the connection of προς or ποτ with a noun, which is not of its

^{*} Tracts and Miscellaneous Criticisms of the late Richard Porson, Esq. edited and arranged by the Rev. Thomas Kidd.

own government, such as δια των ονοματων της συνηθειας for δια της των ονοματων συνηθειας in Plutarch de Aud. Poet. (ed. Wyttenb. Vol. I.) but for the reason suggested by the very learned Editor*. ΑΓΟΝΤΩΝ has the authority of many MSS.

Boethius intimates that the Lacedæmonians banished Timotheus, exegere de Laconica. If this were the case, it must have been by some act of the Senate subsequent to this Decree. For here is nothing required + but censure, and the reduction of the eleven strings to seven. Suidas says, that Timotheus added a tenth, and an eleventh string to the lyre. Pherecrates ascribes to him twelve strings . And as he was censured at the Carnea &, and at the festival of Eleusinian Ceres, it is probable, that for the tenth string he was censured at the former festival, and for the eleventh at the latter; and that he was banished for the twelfth. As his predecessors, Terpander and Phrynis, were also censured for their innovations in the lyre, one of them, probably, added the eighth string, and the other the ninth. Before Terpander's time the lyre had only seven strings.

Before I quit this interesting monument of antiquity, I must not omit noticing the remarkable cir-

^{*} Animadversionum Wyttenb. Vol. I. p. 225.

[†] Except in Scaliger's reading, έκαστατω τε αξαι πολιος βαξος; and I find nothing that favours this reading in any printed or manuscript copy.

[‡] Apud Plutarch de Musica. Op. Mor. p. 1142.

[§] Plutarch Επιτηδ, Λακων. § 17. ed. Wyttenb.

cumstance of its preservation by a Latin writer of the sixth century. It is not found in any writer now extant but Boethius, who lived nearly a thousand years after the transaction to which it relates. It is not expressly quoted by any writer, that has come down to us, prior to Boethius; nor does he mention from whom he derived it. It is not noticed by Aristoxenus, Ptolemy, Plutarch, Aristides Quintilianus, or other writers on Music; nor (where, perhaps, it might have been more expected) by Plato, or Aristotle, or Cicero, in their works on Government and Law; nor by those miscellaneous writers, Athenæus, Ælian, Aulus Gellius, or Valerius Maximus: nor even by the ancient writers on the Greek Dialects.

It is difficult to account for the silence of these writers, whether we consider the Decree, as a very eminent example of the Spartan dialect and policy, or as intimately connected with the history of Music. Yet there can be no doubt of its authenticity. The fact of Timotheus's being publickly censured for his innovations in the lyre, and the reduction of the strings from eleven to seven, are recorded by Cicero, Dio Chrysostom, and Athenæus, with some variety in their narratives, but with expressions so nearly resembling the language of the Decree, as to be little less than citations from it. Cicero's illa severa Lacedæmon nervos Jussit, quot plures quam septem haberet, Timothei fidibus demi, before quoted, can mean nothing less than this Decree of the Senate. Dio Chrysostom employs the very words of the Decree in common Greek:

ΧΟΡΔΩΝ ΤΑΣ ΠΕΡΙΤΤΑΣ ΕΚΤΕΜΕΙΝ, as he does the beginning of the Decree: Τοιγαρουν φασι Λακεδαιμονίους, ΕΠΕΙΔΗ ΤΙΜΟΘΕΟΣ ήκε ΠΑΡ' αυτοις.* Athenœus also, relating the fact, with some variety, has the words εκτεμνείν τας περιττας των χορδων. τ

We are in possession then, of a Greek Decree, of unquestioned authenticity, preserved by a Latin writer, who lived nearly a thousand years after the transaction; not quoted by writers whose subjects most naturally admitted and even required it; and omitted in the most ancient editions of Boethius's works.

In the Scriptures of the New Testament we have a remarkable instance of such omission. An important passage of St. John we find first quoted at large (not in the original words, but in the sense of the original,) by a Latin writer, who lived more than four centuries after the death of St. John. The absence of 1 John v. 7, from ancient MSS. of the New Testament, and the Fathers, is much more easily accounted for, than the omission of the Lacedæmonian Decree by Greek writers on Music, Government, and Dialects; yet many learned men have doubted the authenticity of the verse in St. John's Epistle, because none of the Greek Fathers have quoted the verse, even in passages

^{*} Orat. xxxiii. p. 411. Τοιγαξουν Φασι Λακεδαιμονιους, επειδη Τιμοθεος ηκε πας αυτοις,—την τε κιθαζαν αυτου αφελεσθαι, και των χοςδων τας πεζεττας εκτεμείν. It should be εκταμείν, in the same tense as αφελεσθαι. † Deipnos. L. XIV. c. ix.

where we might most naturally expect to meet it. But

- 1. It may have been purposely omitted in a large portion of the MSS, that were written during that agitated period, that intervened from the death of Constantine to the reign of Justinian.
- 2. It may not have been quoted by the most ancient writers on the Trinity, because they did not consider it as a proof of the Trinity.

In support of the former reason, we know from Irenæus in the second century, and from Origen in the third, that the Scriptures were mutilated by unbelievers in Christ's Divinity, who had sometimes supreme influence in the Church from the latter part of the fourth Century to the beginning of the sixth. Some of our oldest MSS. are ascribed to this period.

But the most extensive system of mutilation could not succeed in the entire extirpation of the verse. How then happened it, that, in the disturbed period before mentioned, the verse should not have been quoted by any Greek writer on the Trinity? Because, I suppose, it did not appear to them to be a proof of the unity of the three Divine persons, but rather, of the concurrence of their testimony to the Messiahship of Christ.

But if the most ancient writers did not notice it, how came it to be quoted by subsequent writers? Probably, because being a proof of the distinct existence of three Divine Persons, they considered it, secondarily, (as Scripture cannot contradict itself) a proof that there are three Divine persons in one God.

But how came a Latin writer, Vigilius Tapsensis, by it, when it is not found in more ancient Greek writers? I must answer this question by another. How came the Latin Boethius by the Spartan Decree, when it was not to be found in Plato or Aristotle, in Aristoxenus, or Plutarch, Aristides Quintilianus, &c. or in many other writers, where it might have been expected?

It is found in Latin MSS. of the Scriptures of great antiquity. The Latin MSS. in which it is found, are much more numerous, than those in which it is omitted. And, though it is not found in the most ancient MSS. of the Scriptures, it is quoted by Latin Fathers of much greater antiquity than any of the MSS. from which it is absent; and was expressly appealed to by the African Bishops in the fifth century, at the Council of Carthage.

If it is found in Latin writers, and not in Greek; so is the Decree. If it is omitted by Greek writers, who have written largely on the Trinity; so is the Decree by writers on Music, Government, and Dialects. If it is first quoted at large by a Latin writer, who lived four hundred years after St. John; the Decree is first expressly quoted and preserved by a Latin writer, who lived a thousand years after the promulgation of the Decree.

In questions of this nature, the correctness of the decision must depend on the critical competency of the inquirer. We may, therefore, for the authenticity of 1 John v. 7. appeal with confidence to Pearson and

Bull. If a minute knowledge of MSS, and a critical appreciation of various readings, be necessary to the inquiry, we may, to Wetstein's and Griesbach's rejection of the verse, oppose Mill's and Bengelius's conviction of its authenticity. And if, since the publication of Griesbach's labours, Mr. Porson has brought the weight of his great learning and sagacity against the verse, we may, without any disparagement of his judgment, allege, in support of the verse, the decision of Ernesti and Bishop Horsley.

If the external evidence from MSS. be unfavourable to the verse, the internal evidence is greatly in its favour. The connection of the context requires the verse. The earthly testimony in the 8th verse, has a manifest relation to the heavenly testimony in the seventh; and the comparison in the 9th verse has reference to both. The use of the article with $\dot{\epsilon}\nu$ in the 8th verse, is unaccountable (as is suggested by the learned Bishop of Calcutta) without the preceding $\dot{\epsilon}\nu$ in the seventh verse. The term $\Lambda o\gamma o\varsigma$, as it is here used, is peculiar to St. John.

The authenticity of this verse (as Ernesti has observed) does not depend solely on the evidence of Greek MSS, and cannot be decided by them. "Si yunguutus commatis septimi e solis codicibus Græcis penderet, atque ex iis solis esset æstimanda, tum Griesbachius causam obtinuisset. Sed quanquam Codices Græci textus principatum in his rebus definiendis tenent, tamen docti et usu criticarum rerum præditi viri alia etiam adjumenta requirunt. Mihi quidem

maxime obstat nexus cum antecedentibus et consequentibus, quo minus sententiæ eorum, qui hoc comma delendum esse censent, subscribam: nam v. 9. comparatio instituitur inter testimonium hominum et Dei ipsius, qua haud dubie ad testes illos cœlestes respicit Apostolus, quorum paullo ante meminerat."*

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I cannot omit the opportunity, which this Postscript affords me of vindicating the Bishop of St. Asaph's "List of Books for the use of the younger Clergy," from a very great misrepresentation of it in the second of Dr. Marsh's Theological Lectures, not only because, I think, it does injustice to the judgment of the late learned and lamented Prelate, but because it appears to me to be calculated to mislead the younger Clergy, by confounding the order of their studies, and withdrawing their attention from what ought to be the first and last object of their Ministry.

"A learned Prelate of our Sister University, who has published a list of books recommended to the younger Clergy, has made no less than fourteen divisions in Theology, which he has arranged in the following order: 1. The first division relates to Practical and Pastoral Duties. 2. Devotion. 3. Religion in general. 4. Revealed Religion. 5. The Scriptures. 6. Comments on the Scriptures. 7. Concordances, &c. 8. Doctrines. 9. Creeds, Articles,

"Catechism, and Liturgy. 10. Sacraments and Rites, "(subdivided into Baptism, the Lord's Supper, and "Confirmation.) 11. Constitution and Establishment of the Church of England. 12. Ecclesiastical History. 13. Ecclesiastical Law. 14. Miscellaneous subjects.—Then comes a second list, in which these divisions are repeated; and lastly a third, in which they are exchanged for another set, amounting to seventeen, which it would be really tedious to enumerate. Indeed throughout the whole of this theodolical arrangement there is nothing like system to be discovered: no reason is assignable for the peculiar position of any one head: nor does this disposition any way contribute to that, which should be the primary object of every writer—perspicuity.

"A more judicious Prelate of our own University, "in the Preface to his Elements of Christian Theology divides the subject into four parts. The first relates to the Exposition of the Scriptures; the second, to the Divine Authority of the Scriptures; the third, to the Doctrine and Discipline of the Church of England; the fourth, to Miscellaneous subjects, including Sermons and Ecclesiastical History. In this arrangement there is method. For the Bible must be understood, before we can prove its divine authority; and both of these tasks must be performed, before we can proceed to deduce articles of faith. Sermons, it is true, should not be placed in the same class with Ecclesiastical History; and in

" all systematic arrangements, the term ' Miscella" neous' should be wholly avoided."

That the learned Professor "misunderstands the design of both these Prelates," I am under no necessity of proving, because it has been already done by one of the most learned of our literary Journalists.* But I wish to shew to those of the younger Clergy, in whose studies I am specially interested, as well as to future Candidates for orders, that in the Bishop of St. Asaph's arrangement of Books for their use, there is an admirable system and connection; that good reasons may be assigned for the position of each head in the arrangement; and that the disposition is perspicuously adapted to those views, which are most conducive to the success of their Ministry.

I am persuaded, that the second of the learned Prelates before mentioned was by no means gratified by the preceding commendation of him at the expence of his right reverend Brother. I will not form any comparison of the two arrangements, but content myself with shewing that the former arrangement has none of the defects imputed to it by the Professor, but is systematically and perspicuously suited to the purpose for which it was intended.

Its purpose was to assist the younger Clergy in such a prosecution of their studies, as might best qualify them for the duties of their Profession. And what are

^{*} Quarterly Review, Vol. III. p. 210.

the sentiments and attainments necessary for their acquitting themselves best in their Profession?

I. A strong sense of duty,

II. a devout feeling and exercise of personal religion,

III. a decided conviction of the truth of Christianity,

IV. a thorough knowledge of the Scripture,

V. its doctrines,

VI. and ordinances,

VII. and a zealous and practical attachment to the Church, of which they are members. These are the sentiments and attainments prescribed by the Bishop of St. Asaph's List. And how are they to be acquired?

I. By the study of professional duties,

II. by Prayer,

III. by examining the evidences of Christianity,

IV. by the daily study of the Scripture, (with the aid of comments, and other subsidiary means,)

V. in all its doctrines of faith and works,

VI. and the ordinances of Christ and his apostles,

VII. and by a comprehensive knowledge of ecclesiastical history, especially of their own Church, and of ecclesiastical law, as far as concerns the rights of the Church, and the correct performance of their ordinary duties.

With these professional sentiments and attainments, I will now shew how the Bishop of St. Asaph's four-

teen divisions*, in his selection of books, successively accord.

1. Practical and Pastoral duties. I.

2. Devotion.

III. {3. Religion in general. 4. Revealed Religion.

V. \ \ 8. Doctrines. \ 9. Creeds, Articles, Catechism, and Liturgy.

VI. 10. Sacraments and Rites.

Baptism, the Lord's Supper and Confirmation.

VII. { 11. Constitution and Establishment of the Church of England.
12. Ecclesiastical History.
13. Ecclesiastical Law.

14. Miscellaneous subjects.

As some books are confined to single subjects, (such as belong to each of the preceding heads,) others are miscellaneous, and include a variety of subjects, so as not to be classed under any one head. To such books the fourteenth division is allotted. This list of Books was not published as a system of Theology, yet in its choice, order, and connection of subjects, in their de-

^{*} The fourfold division before mentioned, Dr. Marsh says, is as follows: "The first relates to the Exposition of the Scriptures; the " second, to the divine authority of the Scriptures; the third, to the "doctrine and discipline of the Church of England; the fourth, to " miscellaneous subjects, including sermons, and ecclesiastical his-"tory." Are these arrangements so different, that one should hardly suppose their authors were analysing the same subject?"

scent (after the two preliminary points) from the general principle of religion to the particular establishment, discipline, and interests of our own Church, it has every advantage of the best system.

I can hardly conceive a course of professional reading more calculated to make a conscientious, able, and useful minister of the Church of England, than that which is prescribed by the Bishop of St. Asaph's list of books. It appears to me much more judiciously disposed than the Professor's own System of Theology. To lay the foundation of Theology in a critical knowledge of the Manuscripts, Various Readings, and Editions of the Scriptures, is inverting the order of Theological studies. It can have no general or practical influence on the ministry of the Church. It lends no aid to the conversion of the infidel, or the instruction of the ignorant. The great cardinal passages of Scripture derive no benefit from it. Patricius Junius was converted by reading the first chapter of St. John, Lord Lyttelton by the conversion of St. Paul, and Gilbert West by the evidences of Christ's resurrection. Ι ή των λογων κρισις πολλης εστι πειρας ΤΕΛΕΥΤΑΙΟΝ επιγεννημα, the criticism of the Bible, in the sense here adverted to, should be among the last branches of Theology instead of the first. By making it a large and prominent part of Theology, it fixes the mind on the subsidiary means of the science, rather than the end. Its end is seen in its very name. Theology is doctrina de Deo, and Christian Theology, doctrina de Christo Deo. Among the ancient Fathers, Theology

was the doctrine of Christ's Divinity. In this sense they understood the words $\Theta_{\epsilon 0} \lambda_{0} \gamma_{\epsilon 1} \nu$ and $\Theta_{\epsilon 0} \lambda_{0} \gamma_{1} \alpha$. The knowledge of Christ, then, and of the means of man's salvation, should be the governing principles in Christian Theology; and the foundation of it, as a science, should be laid in such preparatory grounds, as point directly and obviously to those great subjects which are the ends of Christian Theology.

As all our knowledge of these subjects is derived from God's revelation of his will in the Scriptures, whatever tends to certify the truth of the Christian revelation, and explain the languages in which the Scriptures are written, must ever be a necessary subject of Theology. But Providence has so mercifully provided for our instruction in the great business of our salvation, that the important truths which most nearly concern us are the least embarrassed with difficulties, and require none of the aids of elaborate philology. Fortunately, therefore, for the generality of readers, even of clerical readers, the science of Manuscripts, various readings, and editions, is not among the necessaries, but the luxuries of literature, indispensable, indeed, to the perfection of a Biblical critic, but by no means so either to the well-informed Christian or the sound Divine.

The sound Divine cannot possess in too great a degree a critical knowledge of the original languages of Scripture; but a critical knowledge of *language* is one

^{*} See Eusebius's Treatise on the subject, and Suicer's Thesaurus.

thing, and a critical knowledge of Manuscripts and Editions is another. The former will be useful to him in every page of Scripture; the latter only in the discussion of a few passages, in which, after all, the right reading must finally be determined from other sources. The Bibliography of the Bible (as I beg leave to call its external criticism) is interesting and useful, and no scholar ought to be ignorant of it (it is not excluded even from the Bishop of St. Asaph's Inventory); but it contributes very little to the right interpretation of Scripture-language; for that we must not look to the Symbolæ Criticæ, or the Prolegomena of Griesbach, but to the learning of Casaubon and Gataker, of Bos and Hemsterhuis, of Valckenaer, Alberti, and Kypke, and to some excellent comments in our own language*.

As one very important end of Theology is to instruct the future Minister of a Parish in the knowledge of his profession, the diligent aspirant to the Christian Ministry, before he has finished his academical studies, will probably be well instructed in his pastoral duties. But in resuming his professional studies in his Parish, the young Clergyman will change the position of this branch of his studies. What was last to the Academic, will be first to the Minister of a Parish. The knowledge and practice of his Pastoral duties will

^{*} The edition of the Bible now publishing by the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge cannot be too highly valued for its excellent selection of notes.

be the first object, and the permanent rule of his studies. And with this object commences the Bishop of St. Asaph's List of Books for the younger Clergy. How well digested that List is, how systematically and perspicuously connected its successive divisions are with the several branches of religious knowledge, in their descent (after the two preliminary points) from the general principle of religion to the particular establishment, discipline, and interests of our own Church, I have already shewn.

Yet however correctly and usefully arranged the List is, it was not published as a system of Theology. The Bishop expressly says, he is "not laying down Institutes of Divinity." He submits the List to his younger Clergy as an "Inventory" of Books, and declares his design in it was to "shew to younger stu-"dents, literate persons especially, how much it is "in the reach of the most retired situation to procure "valuable helps in their inquiries upon every import-"ant article of their profession." Yet the Professor has introduced it into his Lectures, as an example of defective analysis*; and of Theological arrangement

^{* &}quot;Theological writers are far from being unanimous, either in "regard to the number, or in regard to the kind of divisions, into "which Theology should be divided. In England, especially, so "little has been determined on this point, that few writers agree "in their divisions; and in some of them the difference is such, "that one should hardly suppose they were analysing the same sub-"ject." This observation Dr. Marsh exemplifies by a comparison between two Lists of Books, one by a "a learned Prelate of a Sister

without system, reason, or perspicuity; — with what justice, I leave the readers of the preceding pages to determine.

The Bishop's Inventory, by its well-digested series, has all the order of system without pretending to it; and it rests a young Clergyman's conduct on two great and leading principles, the want of which no system can compensate, a high sense of duty and personal religion; it superadds to his literary and professional acquirements something better than mere literary excellence; and brings into exercise, and tends to perpetuate, those serious and interesting impressions, under which he pledged himself to the faithful discharge of his pastoral duties on the day of his Ordination.

University," the other by "a more judicious Prelate of his own University." The Bishop of Lincoln calls his arrangement a List of Books. "I shall subjoin a List of Books which every Clergyman ought to possess.—I shall divide these into four classes." In neither case was the List of Books proposed as a System of Theology. Indeed Lists and Inventories of Books were out of place on the occasion. A comparison between the Institutes of Limborch and of Turretin, of Mosheim and of Doederlein, of Usher and of Fiddes, &c. would have been more to the purpose.

END OF THE POSTSCRIPT.

NOTE to page 29.

In unison with the spirit of that unkingly period (1791), I might have added—of that unchristian period, with respect to the national proceedings and literary productions of republican France, and for some years indeed previous to the revolution. In the year 1786 Larcher published his celebrated translation of Herodotus, the notes to which abounded with reflections injurious to Christianity, which I mention for the sake of his memorable recantation, of which more in this note. In October 1793 the Christian Calendar was abolished, and in November of the same year the Christian religion was interdicted * by the French Convention. We cannot forget the wishes which were uttered, even in this country, in the year 1796, for the return of Paganism.

Hail happy errors of delusive thought,
Unreal visions with true blessings fraught;
Once more from heaven descend, to mortals kind,
And cast your magic spells around the mind;
Film o'er the sight of speculative eyes,
Nor let us feel the curse to be too wise.

But we may reasonably hope that such sentiments may have passed away with many other delusions of the period which produced them. We happily have it in our power to bring at least one instance of decided and explicit recantation, which cannot be too generally known. In the first edition of Larcher's Herodotus, the notes were largely infected with the antichristian spirit. But in his second edition (1802) he has made the amplest amends in his power for the injury he had done to Christianity, by publickly renouncing his errors, and professing his decided conviction of the truth of Christianity. He says in his preface (p. xxxviii), "Enfin intiment convaincu de toutes les vérités qu'enseigne la Religion Chrétienne, j'ai retrenché, ou reformé toutes les notes, qui pouvoient la blesser. On avoit tiré des unes des conséquences que j'improuve, et qui sont loin de ma pensée. D'autres renfermoient des choses, je dois l'avouer avec franchise, et pour l'acquit de ma conscience, qu'un plus mûr examen et des recherches plus approfondies m'ont demontré reposer sur de trop légeres fondemens ou etre absolument fausses. La vérité ne peut que gagner à cet aveu. C'est à elle seule que j'ai consacré de revenir à elle dés que j'ai cru l'avoir mieux saisie. Puisse cet homage, que je lui rends dans toute la sincérité de mon cœur, me faire absoudre de toutes les erreurs que je puis avoir hasardées, et que j'ai cherché à propager.

^{*} Lavoisne's Genealogical, Historical, Chronological, and Geographical Atlas, Map 3.

